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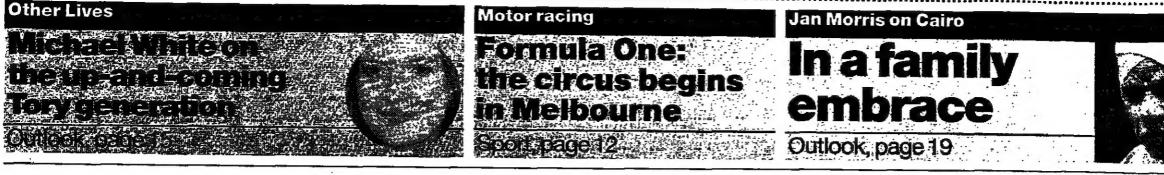
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its third post-Budget cut in base rates triggered a reduc-tion in the cost of home loans to a 30-year low. With a homeowner with a

250,000 mortgage now 240 a 0.25 or 0 month better off than in election. August last year, the Chancal Adair lor, Kanneth Clarke, undar general of lined yesterday that the Government sees the economy as its best hope of overturning Labour's seemingly impreg-nable poll lead over the next

Halifax was cautiously up-beat about the prospects for property prices. It believes rates will be cut by a further 0.25 or 0.5 points before the

Adair Turner, the director general of the CBI, welcomed the reduction, although bodies representing car dealers and house builders said the boost to consumer demand should

rages as **Beale goes** into hospital

Eleanor Carty

AROLINE Beale, the British woman who tried to smuggle her dead baby on a flight from New York, last night spent her first night in inten-sive psychiatric care at Maudsley hospital, south Lon-don, after returning from the United States. But the transatlantic row over her treat-ment at the hands of the American legal system con-tinued unabated.

Doctors at the Maudsley said she would remain an inpatient for at least two weeks, but they were optimistic that she would make a complete recovery from the psychosis that led her to kill her child. Her parents, Peter and

Daphne, from Chingford, Essex, will not be able to see her for the time being. Ms Beale, aged 32, was said to be exhausted but relieved finally to be borne after after finally to be home after striking a deal with the US proseing a deal with the US prose-cution authorities. In return for admitting the manslaugh-ter of her baby, Olivia Ann, New York State Supreme Court Judge Robert Hanophy sentenced her to eight months' jail — which she had already served on remand in Riker's Island prison — five were's island prison — five

years' probation and psychi-atric care in a British hospital for at least a year.

Ms Beale's psychiatrist. Professor John Gunn, warned against complacency. "We in this country have nothing to

be crowing about and shout-ing across the Atlantic about how things are and should be." the expert in forensic psychiatry said.

A country that forced jailed pregnant women to give birth in chains had "nothing to tell other countries about the treatment of prisoners". Ms Beale was arrested at

John F Kennedy airport with the lifeless body of her daugh-ter concealed under her sweater. After being allowed out on bail last May, Ms Beale spent a further 10 months with the possibility of a 15-year sentence hanging over her. Her New York defence at-torney. Michael Dowd, said vesterday there was insufficient evidence to prove that the baby was born alive. He convinced her to "admit" manslaughter to ensure that

she could return home. Mr Dowd said he was ashamed of the American

legal system. Professor Channi Kumar, who had prepared a psychiatric evaluation for her defence, said: "If she is given privacy, I think she has a new defence of muting very good chance of putting things together." Her time in prison had left her with a condition analo-

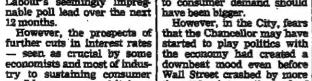
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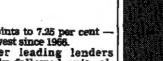
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a new rate of 6.99 per cent from April — has temporarily left its rates unchanged. With the spring house buy-ing season about to begin, the Holder hoping to reap po-litical dividends from a pick-up in the economy after

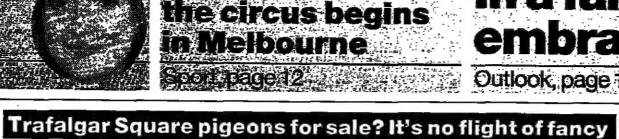
Other leading lenders quickly followed suit, al-though the Nationwide — which has already announced

0.24 points to 7.25 per cent the lowest since 1966.









Legal row

economists and most of indus try to sustaining consumer confidence - were hit by a bout of jitters in the City and

than 100 points on the back of figures for employment growth that all but ruled out a out in US interest rates The FTSE 100 Index closed almost 50 points lower at 3710.3, government bonds lost almost £2, and dealers in the money markets were predict-ing that yesterday's cut in in-terest rates might be the last in the present cycle. Gordon Brown, the shadow

chancellor, strongly disputed tions that the economy could be the Government's secret weapon over the next year. "We are going on the offensive on the economy," he said last night before a speech to the Scottish Labour Party conference, in which he will highlight job insecurity and a lack of investment as the two key problems facing the UK. As part of its campaign

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'We are running Labour intends to exploit the the economy report that the Deputy Prime Minister, Michael Heseltine, very well now. is planning to scrap employ-ment protection rights for 10 We have the nillion workers. But with Conservative MPs lesperate for "feelgood" news millic most successful enterprise to refloat their electoral prosto renost their electoral pros-pects, Mr Clarke's move was welcomed on both the Tory right, where he is under heavy criticism for his stance economy in

Western Europe¹ - Kenneth Clarke

on Europe, and on what remains of his party's Keynesian wing. "Perfectly justified, though this may be the bottom of the cycle. The Bank of England on Wall Street last night Share prices plunged on fears that US and UK interest rates

has always gone for overkill on inflation - and always vere now at a trough. Mr Clarke said the quarter point reduction in base rates to 6 per cent was justified by been wrong," said one moder-ate Tory MP. "Inflation is not easing inflationary pressure a problem, he could go fur-ther," said a rightwinger, citing labour market flexibiliand the recent downturn in activity. "I think 1996 is going to be a very good year for the ty as a key factor in avoiding wage-led pressures. Mr Clarke is strongly in British economy, getting stronger as it goes on, and I keep being able to reduce infavour of postponing the elec-tion until the last minute, probably May 1 1997, if John terest rates because we have got public spending under

Major's Commons majority control, horrowing under con-trol and the inflationary presholds up. Despite talk of sures are going out of the "turning the tide", this week's Gallup poll showed why Labour's lead following economy. Speaking on BBC radio, he

added: "We are running the the Scott Report affair, is up 8 points to 57.5 per cent, with the Tories on 23 per cent, and economy very well now. We have the most successful the Lib Dems on 16. enterprise economy in western Europe at the moment."

The move prompted a spate of mortgage rate cuts led by Bumper year' spells poll gloom for Labour, page 3; Leader comment, page 14; Britain's biggest building Leader comment, page 14; society, the Halifax, which Money Guardian, page 21; reduced its home loan rate by | Shares crash, page 22

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ABIRD takes flight in the you think," said Phil How- be worried about the polla-Ashadow of Nelson's ard, head chef and owner of tion and lead content." column as the mystery of the pigeon thief of Trafal-gar Square intensified yes-terday, writes Angella for a bargain and will often buy things from poachers or people like that." At £1 each there is not a The hunt is on for the man police say may have been selling thousands of pigeons stolen from under Nelson's watchfal eye to Nelson's watchful eye to unsuspecting restaurants. "It's not as fanciful as over junk food. But I would

Bernard Rayner, a third The Square in St James's. Bernard Rayner, a third is very serious. A great generation seed seller, tourist attraction could be "A lot of chefs are looking reported the snatcher to police. "The last time I saw him was 10 days ago. He comes with a hig box and spreads seeds on the

lot of money in it, though he said: "The London bird ground, then scoops about 50 at a time and casually would be succulent because Walks away." He claims at least 1,000 Leader comment, page 14

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Serbs kill under Nato's nose

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Julian Borger in Grbavica, reports on a final spasm of ethnic cleansing

HE last few Muslims and Croats to have sur-vived four years of war in Serb areas of Sarajevo are tarian agencies for protec-day with its bolt broken falling prey to a final spasm of ethnic cleansing under the

noses of a 60,000-strong Nato-. led force. By the time Nato decides to use its troops to protect civil-ians it could be too late for scores of vulnerable people. It is already too late for Sadeta Mehanovic. The Muslim schoolteacher, before they flee. Nato troops are meant to pat-

aged 65, had lived through 47 months of war. She had to hang on only a few more days before the suburb of Grbavica was handed to Bosnian federation police.

hours heard intruders break down the door, then heard her screams but were too Her door hung open yesterday with its bolt broken. Her tion. They directed her to the United Nations police, who in her blood and hair was spatbody had been removed, but

turn could offer only to escort tered over the ceiling. Her her to Bosnian Serb police. It is the local police that Grbavica's non-Serbs fear empty wallet and spectacles lay on a sideboard. Her many books lay scattered about. Aid workers in Grbavica say scores of elderly nonmost. They have taken the lead in ethnic cleansing, and are now suspected of looting Serbs have received death threats and have barricaded and burning the district

themselves into their flats. Even if the barricades their presence is an occasional speeding armoured car. So Mrs Mehanovic went their buildings. the thugs out, they may prove empty French armoured car departing Serbs set fire to yesterday afternoon — parked outside a car. rol Grbavica but are a rare sight. At night the only sign of their presence is an occasional to be death-traps as the

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Alemka, a middle-aged Muslim woman, is almost cer-tain she will be among the back to her flat on Wednesday afternoon, and was shot dead the same night. Her neighnext victims. A month ago, two men in balaclavas forced their way into her flat and

lost."

beat her up. They stole all her money, jewellery and paint-ings, "They told me they ings. "They told me the would come back to kill me," she said.

"It is abominable that a kilometre away from the headquarters of the commander of 60,000 troops. people are being killed with impunity," said a relief offi-

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half the square's birds. "It

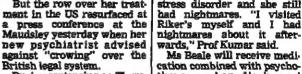
The snatcher, aged about

PHOTOGRAPH: SEAN SMITH

cial in Sarajevo. Major Simon Haselock, a Nato spokesman, said yesterday that patrols were being stepped up. But only one

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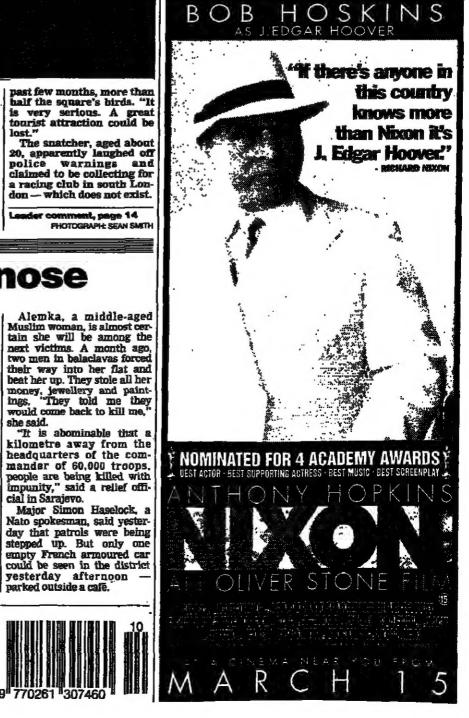
criticised her father, Peter Beale, for calling the US justice system "barbaric and uncivi-lised". Judge Hanophy pro-voked strong reaction when in open court he called Britain's system, which allows a man-slaughter charge in cases of in-fanticide, primitive.

had nightmares. "I visited Riker's myself and I had

British legal system. During sentencing on Thurs-day, the American judge had said it was important that her baby — buried without her knowledge in New York — be returned to England.

"That will allow her to grieve for the loss of her baby," he said.

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2 CHRONICLE/NEWS Meningitis kills 3,000 children

Chris McGreal in Kano

T LEAST 3,000 children have died in a meningitis epidemic in northern Nigeria and doctors are scrambling to contain the outbreak. More than 1 million children are being vaccinated in this city, where the outbreak is thought to have begun. Some doctors fear the real

death toll is much higher - a death foll is much higher — a suspicion compounded by the ; military government's health minister, Ihechukwu Madu-bulke, who last week said that meningitis had claimed up to 15,000 lives. He proposed im-posing a state of emergency in Kano. However, Kano state's health minister, Nafisat Mo-hammed Kabir, claims the hammed Kabir, claims the

crisis is under control. The international medical agency, Médicins sans Fronagency, Medicins sans from-tières (MSF), the only aid agency working in Kano, is leading the emergency pro-gramme and has described the situation as critical MSF says an appeal for foreign funds to immunise many more of the 20 million people thought to be at risk has so far fallen on deaf ears.

This situation is really critical because the mass immunisation campaign has only just begun and only in the city," said MSF's medical co-ordinator. Dr Elisabeth Lesaout. "We are likely to see the deaths go on for at least another month before the in-fection rate declines."

Some of those who have contracted menineitis have been reluctant to seek treatment because of the high cost

of prescribed drugs. Kano's Infectious Diseases

Hospital is treating about 100 new patients a day, despite its poor reputation. Until a few days ago it had just one doctor and the grounds were littered with spent needles and waste. Spinal meningitis is highly contagious and is spread by any form of physical or respiratory contact, such as when an infected person sneezes on someone else. The disease causes inflam-mation of the brain mem-

branes and the spinal cord. It is characterised by a sudden onset of intense headaches, fever, vomiting and a stiff neck. It can cause coma or convulsions, and can be fatal if left untreated.

Doctors believe that the scale of the outbreak was compounded by an early start to the dry season - with its searing heat and winds carrying sand down from the Sa-hara, creating conditions in which meningitis thrives. Dr Idris Mohammed, the

Nigerian epidemiologist coordinating the government relief programme, said the outbreak was the worst in nearly 20 years and that it could have been prevented. "Had the vaccinations been

undertaken before we would not have had this problem I was requested in 1967 to draw up a comprehe programme of vaccination.

Why they are not doing it, I don't know," he said. Kano state's health minister said regular immunisation would be introduced. But other doctors were privately critical of the pace of the federal government's response to the crisis, saying first indica-tions of an epidemic were vis-ible in January and the authorities failed to act.

Caroline Beale arrives with her lawyer Michael Dowd at the Maudsley hospital in south London, where she is receiving psychiatric care

PHOTOGRAPH DAVID THOMSON

The Guardian Saturday March 9 1996

Legal row rages as Caroline Beale returns to UK

an Katz in New York

Ridge at the centre of the Caroline Beale con-

troversy, has recently pre-sided over a string of head-line-grabbing cases. In January he offered a glimpse of the rhetorical rsenal he directed at the British legal system this week as he added a life sentence to the 175 years that a New York serial killer was already serv-

ing for the murder of more than a dozen women. "In case there is a such a thing as rein-carnation." he told Joel Rif-kin, "I want you to spend your second life in prison." tenced to the maximum 25-years-to-life term. Judge Hanophy sits on the New York Supreme Court, the equivalent of a British crown court. Unlike most Supreme bosc your second life in prison. court. Unlike most Supreme The 61-year-old judge also presided over the high-profile Court justices he was not elected but appointed by the trial last September of a doc-tor who allowed a 33-year-old women to bleed to death after botching a late-term abortion. The doctor became only the state governor. Appointed judges are generally consid-ered to be of a higher calibre than elected ones because they tend to have been chosen on their merits, rather than through their connection's to second in the country to be convicted of murder in a medical procedure and was sen- the city's political bosses.

Judge Hanophy's 36-year judge launching a similar egal career appears to have attack on a foreign legal sys-been largely undramatic, tem. "Judges are allowed to legal career appears to have been largely undramatic,

He has served as an acting New York State Supreme justice Court Justice since 1987 and sits in Queen's, the largely residential New York borough where both the city's alroots are located. Records show he has never "received public censure".

Alan Rothstein, counsel for the New York bar association. said he could not recall any

comment on issues affecting the administration

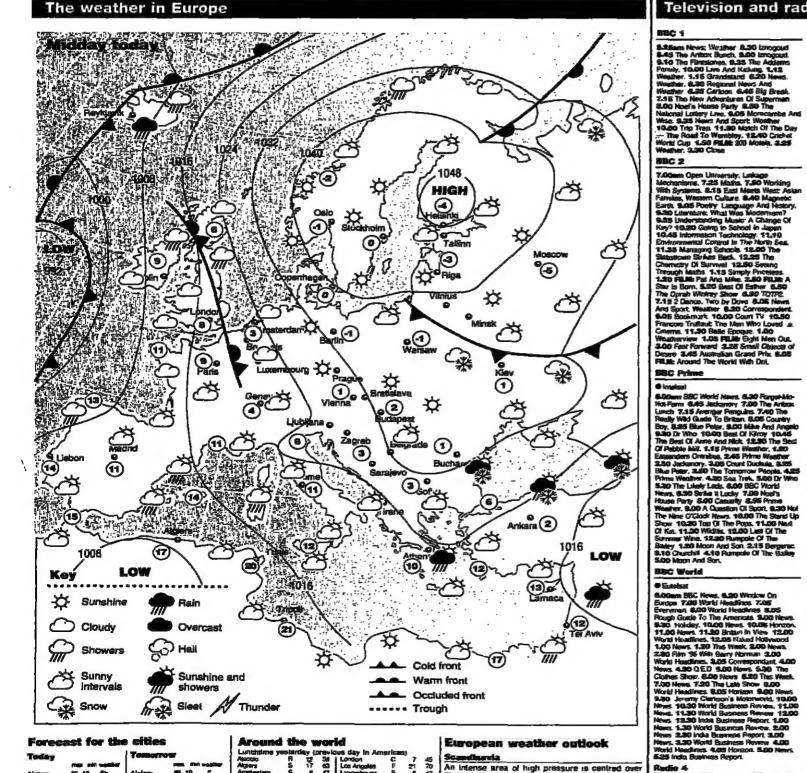
New York judges are more often in the headlines criticis-ing the city's own underfunded and overstretched ju-dicial system. In a new book Judge Hanophy's fellow New York Supreme Court Justice Harold Rothwax condemns a

system which "increasingly ... resembles a lottery".

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Judge Robert Hanophy



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European weather outlook Scandinavia

An intense area of high pressure is centred over Finland. That means most places will remain dry today with plenty of sunshine, but it will be cold with severe frosts early and late. Max temp +3 to

-4C. Low Countries, Germany, Austria,

Switzerland: An area of high pressure, centred over Finland, controls the weather. A few light snow showers are possible over eastern Austria but most regions will be line and cold with sumy spells by day and sharp night irosts. Max temp 0-5C. France:

A ridge of high pressure extends from an anticy-clone over Finland and should ensure all areas stay his today with patchy cloud and subshine at times, but it will again be cold in eastern France. Max temp 5-100 from east to west, perhaps 12C on the Mediterranean coast. Spain and Pertugah A cold from will much cloud and beam same accord A cold front will push cloud and heavy rain across A cold front will push cloud and heavy rain across Portugal and western Spain today, especially this alternoon. Meanwhile southern Spain will have a mix of bright spells and showers, but north-west Spain should stay dry and bright. Max temp 10-

15C. italy:

A good deal of dry weather today with the best of the sunshine in northern Italy. Southern and cen-tral regions will have a plenty of cloud and an out-side chance of catching one or two sharp showers. Max temp 7-11C from north to south, but watch out for severe might trasts in the north.

Mostly dry with sunny spells and just the odd rogue shower Sbill a cold north-easterly wind. Max temp 7-11C.

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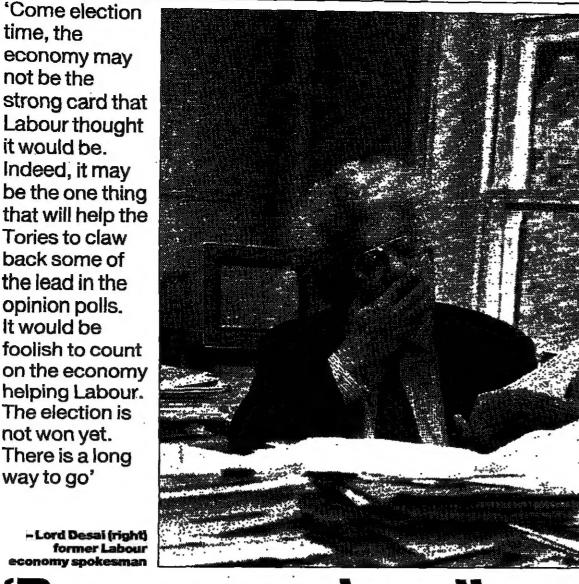
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not be the strong card that Labour thought it would be. Indeed, it may be the one thing that will help the Tories to claw back some of the lead in the opinion polls. It would be foolish to count on the economy helping Labour. The election is not won yet. There is a long way to go'

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Jobs	Unemployment down by more than 750,000 over the past 29 months. Treasury thinks it could fall below 1.5 million. Britain has tower unemployment rate than Germany, France or Italy.	At 2.2 million (8%) unemployment still more than double the level it was in 1979. A million fewer jobs since John Major became Prime Minister in November 1990.	fund froz
Inflation	Lowest period of sustained inflation for 50 years. Annual inflation rate (ex mortgages) set to hit government target of 2.5 per cent or lower by end of Parliament.	Inflation has been suppressed not cured. Britain's inflation rate still the 1 th highest in the European Union and sidh out of seven in the Group of Seven Industrial Nations.	Richard Norton and Ian Black THE Chari sioners las the assets based Palestinian
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Investment	Overall investment has grown faster in Britain than in any other European country. Business investment (Including service sector) up by one third since 1979.	Manufacturing investment still lower than it was in 1979 and has risen more slowly during present recovery than in any other post- recession period.	bility for rece bombs in Israel. Bank accounts tinian Relief a nient Fund, kno pal, had been f precautionary spokesman said
Growth	Britain has enjoyed the fastest recovery of any major European economy since the recession. Growth set for 3 per cent this year.	Government has presided over the two worst recessions since the war. Growth since 1979 has averaged 1.9 per cent a year - slowest period -of post-war growth.	The commussion have urgent tal organisation earl The move folls from the Foreig the Israeli gover, this week urge
Living standards	Someone of average earnings (approx £18,000) will be £4,500 better off in 1996 than they were in 1979, after tax and inflation have been accounted for.	UK has fallen from 13th to 18th in the world prosperity league, A typical family is paying more than 2500 more in taxes than it was in 1992, even after last November's tax cuts.	Union countries on Palestinian agencies. Interpal, which to raise about annually, has monitored by MI Branch. Vot lost Thurs

- Lord Desai (right) former Labour conomy spokesman

'Bumper year' spells poll gloom for Labour

Most economists back Clarke's forecast of strong growth, low inflation and higher prosperity in 1996, reports Larry Elliott

HE Chancellor's Gordon Brown, said yester-claims that 1996 is set day that the quarter-point cut to be a "bumper year" in base rates was a sign of In pase rates was a sign of economic weakness, not strength, and that a boost to consumer spending without an expansion in industrial capacity and improvement in skills will lead to familiar problems with inflation. for the economy were backed by economists yesterday, with most seeing the cuts in interest rates and taxes boosting growth and consumer confidence. Despite some anxiety that the Government is starting to

However, he sounded defen play politics with the economy in the run-up to polling day. sive when questioned about the likely return of the "feelthe consensus is that any inflation rise or deterioration good factor". And the Govern ment's view that it is set fair the trade balance will be de-to deliver strong growth, low inflation and higher prosper-ity over the coming year is in the trade balance will be delaved until after the election.

shared by at least one eminent opposition figure. Lord Desai, who was a frontbench opposition spokes-man in the Lords before being fired for making "unhelpful" comments about tax. has dded to Labour's unease by saying his party may be well advised to avoid the economy as an election issue. The Desai thesis is simple and not dissimilar to that

trotted out regularly by the Chancellor, Kenneth Clarke, the Deputy Prime Minister, Michael Heseltine, and any other Cabinet minister stuck in front of a microphone in Radio 4's Today studio. Over the past four years, in-flation has been at its lowest and is set to fall again over the coming months. That gives Mr

Clarke all the ammunition he needs to win the argument over interest rates with the Governor of the Bank of Eng-land, Eddie George, Lower base rates mean lower mort-gage rates, which in turn help to push up house prices and float the million-odd house-holds in negative equity off

the rocks of debt. But that's not all. Con-sumer spending, which has been gently rising for some months, is about to be boosted by the economic equivalent of a dose of steroids. Households are receiving a 250 rebate off are receiving a LSO recare of the equivalent of spontine their electricity bills courtesy of the sell-off of the National Grid, building society merg-ers are leading to windfall pay-outs to savers and borrowers, and people who started saving in Tessas in for the Government, especially

1991 have seen their tax-free investments mature. On top of that, the small tax cuts in the Budget come into effect in April, boosting consumption and helping to wipe out the memories of the buge tax in-creases in 1993 and 1994.

Lord Desai, in his article in the New Statesman last week, estimated that "all these dribs and drabs add up to a stagger-ing £18 billion of cash into the economy". If only half this sum were spent rather than saved, that £9 billion injection of additional spending would be the equivalent of 6p off the

if the value of their house is If the value of their house is also going up. Labour, which has spent the past four years ridding itself of all its "nega-tives" — the party of high tax-ation, devaluation, national-isation — would be left with mary little to say very little to say.

There are, of course, som important caveats to this analysis. First, the most recent evidence on the econo-my has not been especially good. Second, voters' memo-ries may not be quite as short as the Government seems to be assuming. Political history suggests that administrations find it hard to recover from the sort of economic humiliation that occurred on Black Wednesday, even though min-isters have been doing their best to re-write the history books since.

Third, there has been little sign so far that job insecurity - the prime cause of the feelbad factor" - is being alleviated. Indeed, reports that the Government is planning to remove employment rights from workers in small usinesses is hardly the way

to improve matters. But all that said, the Govrnment thinks it now has the Initiative. Ministers believe the Oppo-

sition's offensive capability is limited on the economy and that voters will be swayed less by Labour's pledges of better training, welfare to work schemes and investment initiatives than by a pick-up in living standards.

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Yet last Thursday, Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, said there was no evidence of money raised in Britain heing used for terrorism.

An Interpal spokesman told the Guardian last night it had the Guardian last high it had not received any communica-tion from the Charity Com-mission. "Interpal is purely charitable and humanitar-ian," he said. Projects included health schemes, care for the elderly and hord. for the elderly and handi-capped, and shipment of meat distributed under the supervision of Yasser Arafat's Pal-

estinian Authority. Interpal, based in Cricklewood, north London, is part of a growing network of Arab or Muslim organisations which have given Britain a reputation as a centre for Islamist activity.

Interpal is said to have sent several missions to express solidarity with the Palestin-lans, including one which visited Hebron — a Hamas outpost — shortly after the massacre by an extremist lewish settler in 1994.







RUTH LEA, head of Insti-

tute of Directors policy unit: "The economy is as flat as a pancake and the interest rate cut looks quite appropriate. Disposable incomes will be affected by tax cuts, Tessas and the electricity rebate, and part of this will be spent. But there are still problems with the world economy. The US may pick up but Germany is flat on its back. Overall, we think things will pick up but it won't be that marvellous,

PROF TIM CONGDON, one of the Chancelor's wise men: "The next year will be pretty good. There will be a move towards above-trend growth (ie higher than 2.5 per cent) later this year and inflation will be moderate. By early 1997, I see good growth, unemployment at the lowest in Europe, house prices moving up and rising consumption. It will only be later that inflation will start to go up as a result of

the economy overheating."

Mortgage comparisons

Loan size

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MARIAN BELL, economist with the Royal Bank of Scotland and one of the Guardian's panel of wise Fomen:

"The economy is picking up nicely. My view is that it is picking up rather too nicely, but inflation won't come back to haunt us until after the election. I don't think the consumer is going to be crying about inflation of 3 per cent. If he's in debt or had negative equity, he'll probably be quite pleased."



DAN CORRY, chief econo mist at left-leaning Institute for Public Policy Research: "I think Desai is mas-sively overstating it. I don't

think it's clear that everything is going fine. There will be a bounce back in th second half of 1996 but it will be due to consumption Where is the investment? I also disagree that there will

inevitably be a return of the feelgood factor, though con-sumer confidence will pick up from very low levels."

Big lenders cut mortgage rates

Jan 1995

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Margaret Hughes Personal Finance Editor

Change in monthly pay OMEBUYERS will be celebrating cheaper mortgages this week-end as major lenders cut their home loan rates in line with the lowering of bank base rates. But there is still doubt whether the 0.25 per cent cut - the fourth in six months will be enough to encourage first time buyers to get a foot on the housing ladder. Britain's biggest lender, th

Halifax Building Society, led the way - cutting its mort-gage rate by 0.24 per cent to 7.25 per cent, effective immediately for new borrowers and from April for existing borrowers. This will reduce monthly payments for home-buyers with an average monthly outgoings almost £22 less than at the beginning of last year.

£60,000 £386.19 Morigage £100,000 £664.52 wich, Alliance & Leicester, Barclays Bank, National Westminster Bank and the TSB have all matched the Halifar's 7.35 per cent rate. Abbey National has reduced its tiered rates by 0.25 per cent, producing new rates ranging from 7.29 per cent for borrowers with mort-250,000 repayment mortgage | gages of less than £60,000 to by just over £9, making their | 7.19 per cent for those with monthly outgoings almost £22 | loans of more than £100,000. The Nationwide, which had

previously announced a cut in its mortgage rate to 6.99 With the exception of the

£5.10 \$11.10 £19.10 review its rates next week Borrowers who have held a next month. mortgage with the Britannia for at least five years will see their mortgage rate cut to 6.99 per cent from April 1. Even before yesterday's bank base rate cut, mortgage rates were at their lowest level for 30 years, but the housing market has only shown signs of a pick up in the last few weeks. There is now cautious optimism that

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the housing market is finally turning the corner - the house prices without a Nationwide, most other major per cent from April 1 as part Halifax's house price index change of government, lead-lenders have also cut their of its new mutuality package, last week showed the first ing to a change of mood on mortgage rates. The Wool- said yesterday it would annual increase for more the part of consumers."

> Ah, the western planners would say, but think of the squalor, the confusion, the jam-packed traffic of cars, buses, bicycles, donkeys, herds of goats — street vendors, impertinent urchins, jolly smiling women, wandering mendicants — the rubbish, the crumbling walls, the plies of onions by the Bab Futuh! Jan Morris in Cairo

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than a year. However, the early months of the past two years have similarly shown signs of recovery which has

not been sustained. Garry Marsh, head of group corporate affairs at the Hali-fax, attributes these earlier reversals to tax increases which cut into pay packets at the beginning of each finan-cial year. He is more optimis-tic that this year's upturn will be sustained as the tax cuts announced in November's Budget start to boost con-sumer spending power early

However, given the more than 3,500 job losses announced in the last two weeks nounced in the last two weeks alone, the long-awaited return of the "feelgood" fac-tor remains as elusive as ever. Ian Harley, finance di-rector of the Abbey National, said: "The real problem in the housing market is a lack of "belgrood" or rather "fact or 'feelgood' or rather 'feel se cure' factor. We doubt there will be any sharp recovery in



IN MR. BILL EDWARDS' POSITION, it isn't improper to spit.

As a taster for Jack Daniel Distillery, he'll sample a lot of whiskey in a day. But Bill never swallows a drop. He'll roll the whiskey around in his mouth, tasting it for smoothness and maturity. And when he retires it to a spittoon, there's no sense of impropriety. Around here, everyone knows if we didn't have people spending their days spittin', we wouldn't have a whiskey so highly valued for sippin'.

JACK DANIEL'S TENNESSEE WHISKEY

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Castle

Howard host toa windy debate

Martin Wainwright ponders a question

SMALL crowd gath-ered on a freezing North Yorkshire hilltop yesterday to hear four philosophers attempt to answer the question: What is Question?

Each academic took up a symbolic position at a doorway of the palladian Temple of the Four Winds, Castle Howard, as the man sion's squire and his red setters looked on benignly.

"They'll feel it when they go round the North Wind corner," said Simon Howard, summoning the dogs to hear William Charlton of Edinburgh University in full flow.

"We have plenty of odd events at Castle Howard, but this must be one of the

most peculiar yet." The stylised dispute was organised by the Henry Moore Foundation, and the gnomic question was posed y the American artist and philosopher James Lee Byars, whose talking metre sphere, reciting ex-

globe, Monument to



Philosophy buffs gathered at the Temple of the Four Winds. Castle Howard. North Yorkshire, yesterday, to hear four philosophers engage in a debate

Language, is on show at the Henry Moore Institute in

Leeds. "A little louder please, Sean." the institute's direc-Howard was at the door and the lessons of the globe tor Robert Hopper had told the globe yesterday morn-- "a gap opening onto a limitless world," according to the French philosopher Jean-Michel Ribettes (reping, getting a muffled reply from inside.

Assistant curator Sean resenting the East Wind) -Pickard spent the day curled up inside the threewere transferred to the Yorkshire countryside. Mr Ribettes, in the coldtracts from W.B. Yeats to

visitors admitted three at a porches. alarmed the more time. Then the coach to Castle Howard was at the door least four closely typed pages of argument. His answer to the ques-tion was a paean of praise from the house The Howard setters promptly started to behave fretfully, pleading for an-other run, and the four phifor Byars, an artist whose

sense of humour was fortunately shared by his losophers set off at a brisk parents. His first exhibition, at for a post-debate tea. age 23, consisted of "large

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ously empty space in his the wrong way," said Mr parents' home in Detroit, Howard, with gentlemanly with all the windows, doors and furniture removed concern

Hopper, as the quartet van-ished over Vanbrugh's and Hawksmoor's carefully

"I'm not sure they know

pace back to the mansion

"Don't worry," said Mr planned horizon. "They'll just argue their way there linguistically. The rest of us can carry on pondering the question and thinking

about a thoroughly memo-

tion had been gathered in consultations with clinicians and experts on drug abuse. said the judge. Scherer had warned if the

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HIGH Court judge yesterday upheld the Government's decicapsules were banned, the tablet or elixir forms of the drug would be abused m-stead. But the judge said govsion to stop doctors prescribing the gel-filled cap ernment medical investiga-tors had concluded addicts sule form of the sleeping drug Temazepam on the NHS, in the wake of "devastating" in-juries to drug abusers who would not resort to the tablets or elixir because they did not provide the same euphoric melted down and injected the If they were abused, the Health Secretary might have RP Sherer Ltd. sole manu

facturers of the capsule in the UK, had challenged the decision of Stephen Dorrell, the to make an addition to the list of NHS prohibited drugs. Michael Beloff, QC. Health Secretary, to add it to the list of drugs which doc-tors are prohibited from pre-scribing on the NHS. Scherer, had argued that Mr Dorrell had made a novel and

"ad hoc" use of the list. The Health Department had con-ceded the list's original pur-The company, which stands to lose £3 million a year, had argued the list's purpose was pose was to contain costs and that there was no precedent to oblige GPs to prescribe cheaper, generic forms of drugs, and Mr Dorrell had no power to include Temazepan for placing a drug on it on public health and safety grounds. Mr Beloff said when the list just because a small number was used on an ad hoc basis

of addicts abused it. But Mr Justice Judge said there were no statutory safeguards for pharmaceutical the ban, which came into companies like Scherer. force in January, was a "per-missible exercise" of the which faced "grievous losses" Health Secretary's powers to protect public health. Drug

if products were banned. The judge said Mr Dorrell had been entitled to use his powers of prohibition on the takers had melted down and injected the contents of the capsules with devastating grounds of public health and consequences, including am-putation of limbs and death. The ban, which does not

cover private prescriptions. had been applied after the De-partment of Health conducted full and fair inquiries, and a formidable body of informa-He gave Scherer leave to apof public importance.

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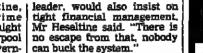
safety. He also rejected accu-sations the ban contravened European law and was proce-durally unfair.

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The city council, with Britain's biggest council tax, faces the prospect of cutting



The formulas used to decide how central government dis-tributed money were fair, he said. "This city has probably gained as much as any city in

He added: "A lot of other councils with similar sorts of problems manage extremely well. One is forced to the conclusion that there must be



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'The treetop phase ends with a man giving a farewell rendition of Amazing Grace on his Spanish bagpipes, while a backing group of six bulldozers churned the earth around him'

Gary Younge on the battle of Newbury



Felling has been completed on 77 of the 362 acres needed for the Newbury bypass, and 47 acres have been completely cleared PHOTOGRAPH GARRY WEASE

Road protesters brought down to earth

Y midday yesterday the road is to be built over 2% all but a couple of the precipy protesters at the Series and the read of the road of th she said.

here to protestars at the Snelsmore site in Newbury had been brought down to earth with a bump — some with the help of the bai-lifts' dimbers. The agency is however rac-ing against the environment's clock: around the end of the

some with the neip of the cal-lifts' climbers. One man was allowed to play a farewell rendition of Amazing Grace on his Span-ish bagpipes while a backing group comprising six buildoz-ers churned the earth around bin month the nesting season be-gins and they will need offi-cial permission to chop down some trees. The protesters are well

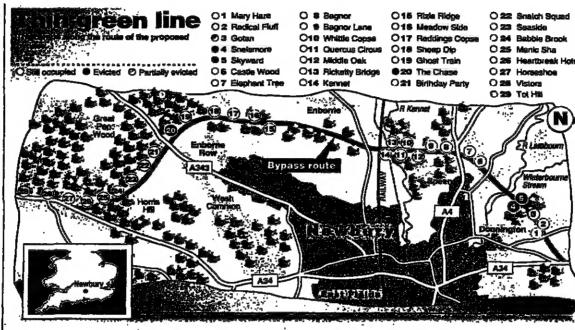
that if they can hold up tree felling long enough, nature will take its course and dis-How many more surreal sights the Battle of Newbury will offer depends on whose rupt the timetable even fur ther. It is doubtful, however,

that the season will have any-thing but a minimal effect on construction work. Unlike the agency, the envi-ronmentalists talk in phases

will offer depends on whose foot soldiers you are prepared to believe. In bald figures, the builders need to clear 362.45 acres. according to the New-bury Weekly News, which publishes a regular update on progress. Of that, tree felling has been completed on 77.56 acres (31.3 per cant) and 47.49 acres (13.1 per cant) have rether than stages. They say they are currently embroiled in the second phase of their campaign, in which they are opposing evictions by camp-ing in the trees. They say they are not even half way through phase two yet with more than to be a set of the trees of the trees they are not even half way through acres (13.1 per cant) have been completely cleared and and are now ready for

building. "They've clearly made a start but the whole conflict is far from over." said a reporphase two yet with more than 20 tree camps still to be removed. Behind them is phase one which was the ini-tial occupation of site and ahead lies phase three — the 'ground defence'. A spokes-man said the principal battles in the next phase would take place around Tot Hill and ter on the newspaper. A spokeswoman for the

Highways Agency, which is responsible for building the bypass, divides the initial



First man of the woods moved on in search of peace as protest grew

DADGER, a former wood- crude, but efficient "bend-bworker and now a man ers" which are watertight and the West Country. of the woods, set up the and quick to erect. Within weeks there were 15ft over its top. **NEW ORLEANS**

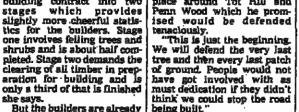
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only a third of that is finished she says.
But the builders are already
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The Highways Agency yesterday claimed that only one takes, the protesters have all specialist climber, not three, had defected to the protesters.
Paul Luton, who was said to have defected on Thursday, "Of course the protesters have addifference but still working for the bailiffs. she says.

first Newbury protest camp, writes John Vidal. He bent his bazel

branches, covered them with plastic and lived alone in the Snelsmore oak woods from August 1994. Within a year he had been joined by so many people that he moved "down the road" to set up Granny Ash camp in search of peace and quiet.

search of peace and quiet. By late summer 1995, six large camps had been estab-lished — at Snelsmoor, Granny Ash, Bagnor, Ken-net, Reddings Copse and The Chase and Tot Hill. Most were ground camps

Some benders had mod Some benders had mod cons like pallet floors, others were little more sophisticated than the refu-gre "blindis", found in di-saster areas. All camps revolve around a fire and cooking (luing text

cooking/lving tent. The mushrooming of tree houses began in mid-Janu-ary after the bypass work started in one of the coldest winters on record. A national "phone tree" at-tracted more than 200 people to Newbury. Many were skilled woodcrafts-

men from previous road and open cast coalmine pro-

Within weeks there were dozens of new camps, often only a few hundred yards apart. The strongest is The Isle of Kennet Free Inde-pendent State where pro-testers have made an island by linking the River Ken-net with Kennet and Avon canal. The "mother ship" tree house, which is As the big camps are cleared, newer ones like Ricketty Bridge — also on an island — are growing, and every available tree is being squatted in the camps that are left. In the past few weeks, Radical Fluff, Rizla Ridge, Ghost Train, Manic Sha and Quercus Circus camps have been set up. There are thought to be 28 but some are tittle more than a tree or two. Others tree house, which is stretched botween more

stretched between more than six trees, can sleep 12 people. There are 10 other fortified houses, all linked by aerial ropewalks. The hardest tree to clear will be the 150ft Corsican Pine at Reddings Copse, which may need a helicop-Local people have been helping the protesters for-tify their camps at weekends.

"Horticultural pay in the country as a whole is pretty low," he conceded. "For that reason we moved staff off civil service grades which for-

merly equated them with in-dustrial workers or ordinary gardeners. Only a very few people have not received per-formance related pay."

formance related pay." Kew is run by a board of trustees, but its main subsidy of £15.5 million this year comes from the the Ministry of Agriculture. Fisheries and Food. Treasury cuts had not been severe. Mr Lavin said. "We like to be first in a lot of things but this is our first

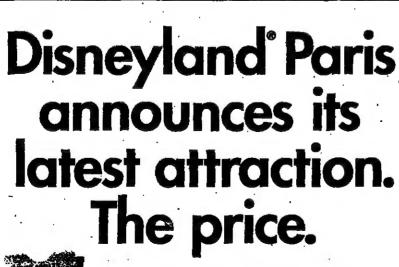
things, but this is our first strike — it's regrettable and disappointing." Among recent achieve-

ments was the production of the world's largest water lily

which reached a diameter of 8ft 7in. Such successes are not

reflected in their performance-related pay packets, argues Dave Barnes, a GMB shop steward. "We are not

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Strike hits Kew in show of discontented flower power

Owen Bowcott on the pay dispute leading to gardens' first stoppage in 200 years OTANIC horticulturists said. "But these wages can't Dot Vor Content water is any the bills."

BottANIC horticulturists at Kew Gardens yester-day walked out of their tropical hot-houses to stage pay the bills." A private. royal garden since the 18th century, Kew a pay offer amounting to £65 a

Where the demented Paul Maloney. a GMB regional official, said: "This is the first time in more than 200 years of history that there George III once talked to the trees, the staff of the Royal Botanic Gardens claim they are being drivers to distrac-tion by low wages. Waving GMB union placards, nearly 100 picketed the entrances and asked visitors to boycott has been industrial action taken by staff. They are ex-tremely low paid. These people are not mowing the lawns. They are all highly qualified botanic horticulturthe site.

the site. The dispute, growing steadily since last July, has been aggravated by the fact that the gardening world has never been highly paid. Du-sha Hayes, a higher botanical horticulturist who has been at Kew, west London, for 10 years, said she earns £9,500 for a 39 hour week. sts." The dispute centres on a The dispute centres on a performance-related pay offer last July, which Kew's man-agement claims averaged 6.5 per cent. Everyone was prom-ised a 0.9 per cent increase for inflation, but some staff received no performance-related element and their annuel increase amounted to This is the middle of our annual increase amounted to Orchid Festival and I'm a around £65. specialist orchid grower.] The GMB, which claims 82 should be looking after the or-out of 125 horticulture staff at

chid nursery, which gives me the gardens, has threatened asking for much, just a a lot of job satisfaction," she further industrial action if reasonable wage."

- Even at university the dividing line between the Smooth and Hairy political tribes is apparent. Labour Clubs at
 - Oxbridge or anywhere else are packed with
- scruffies who dress and talk like, well, like students. Their Tory counterparts look like embryo MPs. **Michael White**

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6 WORLD NEWS

Middle East peace dominates ministers' meeting

EU seeks to calm relations with US

John Palmer in Brussels

UROPEAN Union foreign ministers meet in Palermo today hoping to heal a widening rift with the United States over proposed new US sanctions against Cuba and the threatened Middle East peace process.

Divisions on Cuba and on whether to isolate Iran internationally for its alleged support of Middle East terrorism are reawakening the trans-atlantic tensions which surterrorism. faced last year over policy in

Bosnia. The EU has warned the Clinton administration that the Cuban dispute could esca-the Cuban dispute could esca-t

ing list of foreign trade dis-putes - including the Euro-EU a more active and more ean ban on beef hormone equal role in the search for which already divide the EU peace in the region and the US.

EU governments are pressing Israel to show restraint The informal meeting of foreign ministers called by Italy (which holds the rotatafter the recent spate of bombings. They believe an ining EU presidency) will be dominated by the threat to the Middle East peace process. The EU is anxious to hammer out an agreed line before the hastily convened international summit in Egypt next Wednesday to discuss how to combat global

will also discuss the peace prospects in Bosnia, in partic-ular the delicate situation in the ethnically divided city of "If there is some possibility Mostar. They will also as late into a full-scale legal and sald yesterday. Although EU the seriousness of the Ruspolitical confrontation be-diplomats admit they have sian threat to reimpose imtween the allies in the World very limited scope for port restrictions, and what Trade Organisation. There is already concern at the grow-terrorism in the Middle East, EU-Russia free trade area.

discriminate and heavy handed Israeli response to Hamas-inspired terrorism might backfire by weakening the Palestinian authorities and pushing the more moder-ate Hamas political factions back into the arms of the terrorists. The EU foreign ministers

Battleground . . . Civilians pass a Russian military checkpoint after fierce fighting in the Chechen capital Grozny

and the second
Chechens exploit Moscow's disarray

James Meek in Moscow

HE strength, discipline and motivation of the Chechen armed force which occupied large areas of Grozny this week might have been expected to force the Kremlin finally to accept that it is at war with a determined nationalist group, not a small band of crazed bandits. In spite of all the evidence to the contrary, the Russian

leadership refuses to accept that the rebels are a military force to be reckoned with, a force with clear political goals supported by many Chechen people.

Neither President Boris Yeltsin nor the advisers who are apparently feeding him false information about the state of affairs in Chechenia stand to gain by this mind-set. The president's unpopular-ity is directly linked to the conflict, for which he is held

responsible, and in which up to 30,000 people have died. Because the authorities classify the rebel leader | ratist bases

sions against rebel fighters who attacked and occupied parts of the city. As darkness fell, the sky glowed orange with what

Dzhokhar Dudayev and the fighters loosely under his command as isolated criminals and renegades, none of the plans to end the crisis being considered by the Kremlin involves negotiating

with them. This attitude works in the rebels' favour. The Russian security forces, riven by a bitter dispute with the interior ministry, have never been given the manpower, training or orders to carry out a sys-tematic sweep through Che-chenia and neighbouring Dagestan and Ingushetia to search for weapons and sepa-

GUNFIRE intensified last Russian troops mounted "search and destroy" mis-Sniper and automatic Sniper and automatic gunfire and powerful blasts

echoed across the city cen-tre, 500 yards from the Moscow-backed government's headquarters. - Reuter.

Most of the territory is not in any sense occupied by Rus-sian forces: federal troops huddle in isolated lowland dugouts longing to go home. Increasingly, the job of pro-tecting government buildings and vital installations, like the pipeline which will carry

oil from the Caspian oilfields, is being handed over to Chechen paramilitary units. They are supposedly loyal to Moscow but susceptible to personal and cultural pres-sure from within the community. These local loyalists hore

the brunt of the first wave of rebel attacks on Grozny this

pinning their hopes on the Moscow-installed loyalist gone over to the rebel side. Federal forces have reacted with casual, apparently hap-hazard brutality against communities where the rebel presence is considered particularly brazen. There was the massacre at

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Samashki early in the war, which took many civilian lives; last month's attack on Novogroznensky which de-stroyed 40 per cent of the town; and the continuing threat to civilians in Serno

aircraft have launched countless inaccurate strikes at villages in Chechenia and Ingushetia, achieving little except to terrify civilians and make them hate Russia. The rebels have always

managed to slip away and regroup. Time and again they have proved they can launch major attacks on lowland communities — in Gudermes. Argun, Budyonnovsk, Kizlyar

Chechen administration of Doku Zavgayev and his cronies, who strike deals with lowland village elders for peace in exchange for federal funds and autonomy, so as to create a security zone north of the mountains.

With surprising candour, the former security service chief. Sergei Stepashin, ad-mitted to the weekly Obshaya Gazeta that the government did not expect a quick resolution of the conflict. "The president and the vodsk. Russian artillery and

prime minister understand perfectly well that we have to get out of the situation we are in. But this can't be done in a month, or two, or even five. The thing is that in the runup to elections we need to

calm the situation down somewhat," he said. Until the Kremlin acknowledges the military strength of the separatists and the hostility to Russia among the Che-

and now Grozny itself. Realists in the president's administration appear to be country's pre-election agenda.

the centre of the German capital and surveys the mediation committee. rubble-strewn ground. "My husband bought this plot in 1937 to build a house," she explains. "We still want to build that house, but now we can't get

it back. It's a dirty game. All the old owners get swept aside so that the gov-ernment can give it to the developers with the big

empty area on the east of

fortune and the owners no case, since

(now Russian). to Silesia (now Polish). Berlin and then Vienna, Charlotte Hil-debrandt is now back in Berlin fighting what is likely to be her last battle. Supported by two walk-ing sticks she stands a widd communists. It introduced a bill giv-ing them the right to buy back the land at a quarter of its current value. Last week the upper house tor-pedoed the bill and the ing sticks she stands, a widow of 87, on wasteland in claims have now gone to a About 1.000 Berliners.

Elderly Germans fight for

'death strip' land rights

have spurned the offer of a cut-price deal. "In our case that would be about 2 million marks

Her house was never built because the site be-came the death strip — the

Speculators could make a killing just east of the Berlin wall. **Ian Traynor** reports "Wall property" was ex-empted from 1990 legisla-tion which provided for the Softwar and cold war from east Prussia put the strip op for sale. restitution of land expro-priated by East Germany. put the strip up for sale, denying them the property According to Dieter Bluexpropriated by the

menwitz, a professor of in-ternational law at Würzburg University, the land never legally belonged to East Germany. For Bonn to

claim that it did was tanta-mount to denying the four-

mostly elderly, are fighting to get their land back. Most

the widow's son. The Hildebrandts have taken their claim to court seven times in the past few years, at a cost of

powers' jurisdiction over cold-war Berlin, a founda-tion of the post-war order. The Hildebrandts and scores like them are bent on taking their case to European Union courts if Bonn continues to block their claims.

"An estate agent told me that empty land in Berlin is (£900.000), because this plot is worth 9 million. But we don't have that money," says Joachim Hildebrandt, it is with the people alyou don't have all the prob-lems with the people al-ready there." Mr Hilde-

brandt says. "That's why they won't give us this back, because it's prime for development. the Berlin wall. Now prime sites like Mrs Hildebrandt's are worth a court ruled that they had our capital, a piece of land the land and an idea

Gunfire echoes round city centre week. Officials denied persis-tent rumours that some had

Hijackers seize Turkish Cypriot airliner

AHJACKED Turkish Cyp-The hijackers' identity was ans. Turks and tourists from than 100 people on board landed last night in the Bul-the hijackers' identity was ans. Turks and tourists from the United States, Japan, Bel-gium. France and Denmark. The Night of the billine. Unit Utku, told Turkish The Turkish Cypriot news the United States, Japan, Bel-gium. France and Denmark. garian capital Sofia, the hijackers' chosen destination, writes Chris Nuttall in Ankara. Security forces were sent to Istanbul.

World news in brief

television that the Boeing 727 was seized an hour after it agency, TAK, said there were took off from Ercan airport in northern Cyprus en route for

the airport and the Turkish The passengers included clared ambassador was called in. Russians. Bulgarians, Irani- in 1984.

102 passengers and nine crew. Turkey occupied the northern half of the island in 1974. The Turkish Cypriots declared an independent state

Haiti's police Amnesty's woman of conscience revive fears

DOLICE in Haiti, hunting for gangsters who nearly killed a fellow officer, went on the rampage in the capital Port au Prince, bursting into shacks and shooting on sight. witnesses said. At least 11 people were killed, most shot

at point-blank range. The terror that reigned under the now-defunct military has been revived by street gangs in Haiti's slums. It was compounded by Wednesday's actions of a police force already criticised for being trigger-happy. The shootings highlighted

fears about the future of the country's fragile democracy soon to be entrusted to an ill equipped police force which. despite foreign training, has repeatedly displayed repressive habits.

"Police come looking for young men. They burst into your house. They say the ones they find are members of the Red Army gang and kill them," said Mireille Jean, a mother of eight whose eldes son has gone into hiding.

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She said she is more afraid of the new police now than

UN peacekeepers, who have been helping the police for a year, were supposed to withdraw on February 27, but will stay until June, with a force scaled down from 6,200 to 1.500. - AP.

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Aal's prisoner of con-science for International Woman's Day yesterday is **Kelthoum Ahmed Labid El-**Ouanat (left), a 24-year-old from the Western Sahara, who has been held in a Moroccan military prison since October 1992, writes Victoria Brittain. After 10 months of beat-

ings, torture and sexual abuse, she was jailed for 20 years after a trial in com-era for threatening the

state's external security. She rejected her statement admitting the charge, saying she had signed it under torture. No other evidence was brought against her. Kelthoun is believed to be a supporter of the Polisario

Front, which is fighting for the independence of the Western Sahara.

Ankara and Baghdad sign deal to reopen oil pipeline

URKEY and Iraq signed | the exported oil through Turan agreement yesterday to key." he said. He has been in reopen an oil pipeline closed by United Nations sanctions Turkey all week and officials here hope his visit will mark since the 1990 invasion of Kuthe renewal of trade relations wait, writes Chris Nuttall in between the two countries.

They arranged his safe pas-At a ceremony in Ankara, the Turkish energy minister. Husnu Dogan, said: "If Iraq agrees with the UN plan allowing it to export \$2 billion shape after more than five shape after more than five years of disuse. It links the worth of oil for humanitarian

Kirkuk field to the Yumurtapurposes, the pipeline will be lik terminal on Turkey's Medready to be activated at once. iterranean coast.

and oil will be pumped into our Yumurtalik terminal Turkey estimates it has lost within a couple of days." \$2 billion in pipeline fees be-Talks on the proposal are due cause of the sanctions. Ministo resume in New York on ters have suggested they will

buy the Iraqi oil and sell Baghdad the food and medi-The Iraqi oil minister, Amir Muhammed Rasheed, cine it requires in exchange. said Baghdad was very hope-Twelve million gallons of ful about the negotiations. crude are lying dormant in "We want to transport all of | the pipeline.

Chile protests to Britain Chile has protested to Britain about the arrest of a Chilean

South Georgia islands, the foreign ministry said yesterday. A British patrol ship cap-tured the Antonio Lorenzo on suspicion of fishing illegally in waters off South Georgia, a

British territory 800 miles south-east of the Falkland Is-lands. — Reuter.

trawler fishing near the

Arrest warrant

The Yugoslav war crimes tribunal issued an international arrest warrant yesterday against the Croatian Serb leader, Milan Martic, for allegedly ordering terrorist attacks on central Zagreb with cluster bombs last May. The warrant is being sent to the Nato-led peace implemen-tation force (I-For) in Bosnia. - AP.

Extradition move

Switzerland is likely to hand over to the UN war crimes tri-bunal Alfred Musema-Uwimana, a former Rwandan tee factory director accused of involvement in the massacre of thousands of Tutsis. - AP.

Liberia clashes Heavy fighting broke out in Kakata, central Liberia, trap-ping 11 United Nations military observers, a UN official said. - Reuter.

Hamas man held

Palestinian police, under Israeli pressure to crack down on Islamic militants, have detained Mahmoud al-Zahahr, a leader of the Hamas move-ment, his family said yesterday. - Reuter.

Amnesty request

An apartheid era assassin, Dirk Coetzee, said yesterday he had applied to Archbishop Desmond Tutu's Truth and Reconciliation Commission in Cape Town for annesty for 27 crimes, including six mur-ders. — Reuter.

Stalinists jailed

A Warsaw court yesterday jailed 12 Stalin-era political policemen, convicting them of beatings and torture after an unprecedented 38-month trial. They were investigation offi-cers of the ministry of public security involved in crushing opposition to the communist takeover after the second world war. -- Reuter.

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Then the monks who lived at Bury St. Edmunds abbey in the 13th century

were allowed to speak (which wasn't very often), Latin was the holy order of the day. Indeed, for a young novice entering

the monastery, it was a sine qua non. Fortunately, he would have found it

far easier to get his tongue round the eight pints of the Abbot's Ale he was allowed in the evening.

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FOCUS: BULLIES IN THE GULF 7

Iran and Iraq: America sees a two-headed monster, the region knows they are the power players. IAN BLACK reports

Giant of the Gulf calls the shots

While Iran flexes its military muscle, its neighbours look politely away, anxious to keep on good terms

BRITISH frigate on face-to-air and surface-to-sur-routine patrol just face missile strength. south of the Straits of Its navy has two Russian-made Kilo-class submarines, spotted an Iranian naval ves-sel test-firing an anti-ship missile that had never been seen before in or near the Gulf.

Analysts concluded that the new weapon was the low-flying Chinese C802, comparable to the Exocet used by Western navies — a worrying presence in the strategic sea lanes used to export one third of the world's oil.

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This lucky piece of intelli-gence-gathering by one of the two warships in the Royal Navy's "Armilia Patrol" was an important addition to appreciations of Iranian apabilities.

But knowing what Iran can do and what it intends to do are different matters. And it is a significant distinction in a week when the US has again demanded tougher interna-tional action against it, this time over alleged support for Palestinian suicide bombers. Under Washington's "dual containment" policy, Iran's actions "constitute an unusual and extraordinary

usual and extraordinary threat to the national secu-rity, foreign policy and econo-my of the United States". That was how President Bill Clinton put it a year ago when he banned all US trade with the Islamic Republic and sought the support of reluc-tant allies — then as now — in Europe and Japan.

in Europe and Japan. But viewed from the Gulf littoral facing Iran, things

look more nuanced and less

more powerful than any of its Arab neighbours.

Iran's Hashemi Rafsanjani: Building up strength

ideal for the shallow waters around Hormuz, and a third is on the way. It also has five Chinese Houdong fast-attack patrol boats, with more on

partol boats, with more on order. Exercises, including amphibious landings, are be-coming more sophisticated. And more ominously it is said by Washington, and par-ticularly by the israells, to be pursuing a nuclear capabil-ity. Last summer fran used a belicouter to create an accesso

helicopter to spray an aerosol on its own ships, indicating a capacity for chemical warfare. "It's slow, it's in its infancy

but it's a big infant that can

block a big main that can bloody somebody's nose." says a Western military source. "If they continue on this track, it won't be very many years before they be-come much more of a threat." Yet Gulf Arabs worry about Iran less than they used to. Ten years ago, when Kuwait was bankrolling Saddan Hus-

sein's war against the Ayatol-Iah Khomeini, Shi'ite terrorists tried to kill the emir and bombed the American and French embassies. In 1981, in the first flush of

the revolution, Iran played a not do here what happened in role in an abortive uprising against Bahrain's ruling Al Khalifa family. The island state still has problems — Wednesday's bomb blast sug-

gests they are getting worse --- but Manama is thought to be exaggerating Tehran's involvement.

Washington, however, insists that Bahraini militants are not only studying theol-ogy in Qom, hothouse of Kho-meini's brand of radical threatening. Iran, with a population of problems. 63 million (Saudi Arabia has 13 million, Iraq 18 million), is Islam, but also boning up on the black arts of terrorism In the past year, say US sources, it has fortified posi-tions on the disputed island of Guards in Lebanon's Beka'a of the US military could be Abu Musa and tripled its sur- Valley. another one.

Elsewhere in the Gulf only the United Arab Emirates has a dispute with Iran - over the islands of Abu Musa and the Tunks. Dubai is a vital trading centre for Iran. Links with Oman are good. Maverick Qatar also enjoys reason-able relations with Tehran, mainly because it fears Iran could make trouble for the huge North Dome gas field. Even Saudi Arabia, Iran's principal rival across the Gulf, seems to want relations

with Iran on an even keel and, despite fears about restive Shi'ltes in its eastern provinces, is wary of driving Tehran into a corner. Everywhere there is a sense of accomodation rather than confrontation. of wary accep tance by the Arabs of the regional power that wants to establish its hegemony, dab-

bles in propaganda and in-timidation, but otherwise behaves correctly. In Britain, the Foreign Office worries about the dogmatic thrust of US policy on Iran, and stresses that prob-lems are potential rather than

actual. But it is, as so often, the junior partner. Fear of Tehran is base largely on uncertainty about who is calling the shots. Pragmatists like Ali Akbar Velayati, the foreign minister, have been wooing the Gulf. If

radicals gain the upper hand, it might be a different matter. Yet wheever is in charge will have to make practical calculations that are likely to outweigh ideology: it needs to export its oil, obtain credit, and send its pilgrims on the haj to Mecca. It also wants to keep Iraq weak. And the US is doing just that. Arab governments are

happy with the Iraqi side of dual containment but privately more sceptical about US policy on Iran: "Iran canits own country when the shah was overthrown," insists Abdel-Reda al-Asiri, of

Euwait University. "The relations between people and the ruling families are totally different. The Iranians can't convince the people of the Gulf to revolt if there are no indigenous

Like the Soviet Union during the cold war. Iran seeks opportunities to exploit and, while it may have found them in both Lebanon and Pales-



Women in Tehran consider the candidates in yesterday's election, 190 of whom were female PHOTOGRAPH: CANADIAN PRESS

US troops ready to fly and fight

Despite extravagant weapons purchases from the West, Arab forces cannot stand up for themselves in a tough neighbourhood

SCRUBBY desert north | deployment force and months | tions count for more than per of Kuwait City is a non-descript compound called Camp Doha. No flag flies over 1994, when it looked as if its dun-coloured warehouses capability was in place.

riel to fight a war. In October 1994, when it looked as if might all bappen again, the by low oil prices and the cost of the Gulf war, lavish habits

by France. The Russians get their slice too. Across the region, a staggering \$72 billion worth of weapons have been sold since 1990. "Five years is not enough to

Voters pick

names from

vetted lists

Kathy Evans In Tehran

ORE THAN 3,200 candidates, includ-ing 190 women, com-

peted in yesterday's elec-

tion for some 270 seats in parliament. All had been

carefully vetted beforehand by one of Iran's numerous

clerical and Islamic law

councils to assess whether they were sufficiently com-mitted to Islam and the rev-olution launched 17 yars

ago in its name. Choosing who would best manage the economy and bring down the inflation rate seemed the chief preoc-

cupation of Iranian voters.

Many felt it was time for specialists and technocrats to take the reins. Ali, who spent seven years in a prisoner of war camp in Iraq, now works for a government depart-ment. He said things had

changed since the old days when only the elite trav-

elled and saw foreign countries. "People watch smuggled American films. We know what life is like in

foreign countries. I want a

car, a nice apartment and a video."

Fatmima scrutinised the list of candidates pinned to the mosque wall. She had chosen eight candidates so far, all of them women.

"Only women will look after women's needs," she

gion as well as the scien-tists," said a Tehran

mother. encapsulating President Hashemi Rafsan-jani's problem. He is likely

to be left with a parliament

divided evenly between religious radicals and mod-

erates, and an uphili struggle to get the eco-nomic reforms he seeks.

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said.

rebuild an army that has been crushed," says a Kuwaiti expert. "We are still reliant mil-itarily on the West and will remain so for a long tim

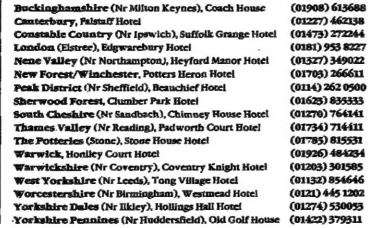
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SAUDI ARABIA

can army." Behind the perimeter wall lies middle America: from the corner of 9th Street and 1st Avenue, handy for the beauty parlour or the Pizza Inn, you can see Abrams tanks, Bradley fighting vehicles, water bowsers and jeeps, all lined up and ready to go to war. "It's not home, but it's OK."

says Richard Hill, a civilian administrator on contract with army central command. "What this all means is that someone can be sitting in a mess ball at Fort Benning, Georgia, and 24 hours later be

in a foxhole out here." Camp Doha is the front line of the US effort to face down Saddam Hussein, side one of the "dual containment" strategy that brackets Iraq and Iran as dangerous enemies and has brought the biggest peacetime foreign military presence the Gulf has ever seen. If Saddam threatens the emirate again, it is from here that the first American units will deploy. The equipment is laid out in huge parking lots so that two brigades can leave a plane and move almost as fast as the Iraqi tanks can come south from Basra. Fly

and fight. 'Pre-positioning', as the concept is formally called, is one pillar of the US strategy in the region: deterrence based on blanket intelligence coverage of Iraq and total air superiority, backed up by enough hardware on site to allow a speedy response.

invaded, it took the US three

Oatar, down the Gulf coast. now has a similar storage and maintenance facility, while talks are under way with the United Arab Emirates for pre-

Ten-year defence agree positioning there. "It's no secret," laughs an American diplomat. "We want the Iraqis to know." ments with the US, Britain, France and Russia dovetail with a procurement plan drawn up by a joint US-Ku-waiti defence review group which some experts feel is be-And off the island state of Bahrain, where the US Fifth

Fleet has its headquarters in another deliberately low-pronot its means. file base, equipment for thou-sands of men is permanently neighbours except Saudi Arastored in cargo vessels. The fleet includes an airbia, does not have the popula-

tion base to support a minia-ture Nato-style army and craft carrier with 80 combat there is an argument - not used by Western defence inplanes. Tomahawk missiles and, sometimes, nuclear-

'Five years is not enough to rebuild an army that has been crushed'

dustries - that it might be powered submarines. On board are 15,000 marines and better served by concentrat-ing on urban warfare skills troops with a further 9,000 available in Saudi Arabia, the and a large, Israeli-style, focus of concern since last Noreserve force. Rivadh. A further 170 aircraft the Gulf monarchies, there are rumblings from the bois-terous national assembly are based on land. It is unclear how long this expensive commitment will last but, to encourage self-reliabout cost, waste and corruption in the context of a wider ance, the other pillar of Wash-ington's Gulf strategy is equipping and training the ebate about the economy. would just say: Make it hap-pen.' Now they have a free and open press," complained one foreign military man. Arab armed forces. Kuwait's, starting from

ground zero after the Iraq oc-cupation, have come a long way since 1991. But discipline and training are poor, say Western military sources, against the background of a

die hard and the emirate has come. Buying arms is one earmarked \$12 billion for mil-thing but absorbing them and itary spending until early next century. developing the capability to use them is another."

Dependence is also deepen ing because there is little prospect that the Gulf Co-op-eration Coucil will ever have a credible military structure, despite exercises with ringing names like Peninsular Shield and Ultimate Resolve, Recent tensions between Qatar and yond the emirate's needs, if For little Kuwait, like all its its neighbours and escalating unrest in Bahrain have cast new clouds.

Kuwait's relations with the US are solid, reinforced by the emir's visit to Washing-ton last month to mark the fifth anniversary of the liber-ation. But there are undercurand but but but the anticu-larly at US insistence that the Arab boycott of Israel should be lifted and that Kuwait should restore ties with Jordan, still deeply unpopular because of its support for

Iraq. "Now and then a little irritation surfaces when the Americans are perceived as too pushy, or they make it sound as if they are sending in a large bill," says a Euro-pean ambasador.

It is a tough neighbourhood: the murder in Iraq of the returning defector Hus-"Before the war the emir sein Kamel al-Majid was a terrible reminder of Saddam's ruthlessness. Obsessed by se-curity, Kuwait peers nervously at Iraq and Iran. "It's 'Democracy is not efficient." like a game," sighs a senior government official. "One Still, the big powers are selling hard on the basis of an stops and the other starts. We informal carve-up: air force equipment supplied by the US, army by Britain, (250 Warrior fighting vehicles but for the time being we In August 1990, when Iraq pampered society where hard US, army by Britain, (250 selves for our own defence invaded, it took the US three work is done cheaply by for Warrior fighting vehicles but for the time being w weeks to move a small rapid eigners and family connect signed for in 1993) and navy must depend on our friends."

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8 SPORTS NEWS

Racing

Quiet man of Clare a big noise in the Cheltenham Gold Cup

Amancio has Jodami waits for Imperial look National

Michael Walker on Tom Costello, the Irish farmer who has set up a production line for champion National Hunt horses

er in 1987. Cool Ground in 1992. Three different horses, three different trainers. three different jockeys, but two common factors.

The first, and obvious one, is that all were Gold Cup winners at Cheltenham. The second, and less conspicuous, is that at their formative stage all three passed through the yard and by the eyes of one of the gurus of horseflesh in Ireland, Tom Costello.

character, the 53-year-old Cos-tello is known in Irish racing circles as "the quiet man of Clare." So on Thursday, if One Man or Imperial Call wins this year's Gold Cup, it's a fair chance Costello will not Scottto talk about the fourth winner of the supreme race to have emerged from a farm on the west coast of Ireland. But that would be the case

Ine west coast of ireland. But that would be the case and would provide further evidence of the phenomenally effective web Costello casts from his base there. Describing that influence, an admirer, one of several involved and have ridden in

requesting anonymity and reinforcing Costello's enigthese races. At Clonmel a fortnight ago,

DNIGHT COURT Vincent O'Brien on the Flat." | through their hands, did. The in 1978, The Think- To talk to the man himself knowledge is being passed on. though (a rare event indeed) as is the self-effacement. Of is to get a somewhat more perplexing impression. "I don't want to talk about me. Fm just a farmer." was Cos-tello's opening flourish. "We're not really training them, it's more of a nursery education, teaching them to jump properly, that kind of thing." This lightness of touch il-"Farming is my main occu-pation. In this disadvantaged

lustrates what so many buy-ers admire about Tom Costelarea west of the Shannon I am not wealthy enough to keep these good horses." lo's horses, the scope for However, once this presum-ably mischievous poor-mouthing was over, Costello began to talk about his sportprogression. Jim Dreaper, who bought the successful Merry Gale among others from Costello,

confirmed this theory and also the element of mystery Something of an elusive character, the 53-year-old Cos-tello is known in Irish racing he was "born into horses."

erly, the schooling, etc, and he doesn't appear to gallop horses hard, which is why there is plenty left in them." Then there is Costello's eye

for potential Blazing Walker "had the worst front leg of any horse" according to Liam Cashman, the Cork-based and Imperial Call in the Gold breeder who sold the animal

to Costello. But Costello turned it into a matic aura, said: "There is a jumper and running ago, jumper and by the time Blaz, will depend on the ground on the bay a slight prefer-that has originated from Co in a novice burdle. It did not Clare. Tom has the genius and mystique associated with tipped, that had passed eased into it. The bay shore, the same turbulant table and the bay a solution to the bay a slight prefer-that has originated from Co in a novice burdle. It did not the bay and mystique associated with tipped, that had passed eased into it.



That could also be said of | ways an exceptional jumper. Costello and next week the | But then again, One Man is at quiet talent from west of the | his peak."

Cup. "They are both good horses," said Costello. "And it

was too much for Amancio at Wincanton last time, but that promising second to Keep Me In Mind will have put him just right. He is beginning to look well treated, whereas the majority of his rivals may be in the handicappers' grin. Neither Warm Spell.

be in the handlcappers grip. Neither Warm Spell, up 101b for his Kempton win, nor Eskimo Nel is built to carry big weight. Chief's Song, who flopped in soft ground in Ireland last time, and the well bashed Silver Carer world If either wins or neither wins, Costello will not be

Chepstow with TV form

Ron Çox

there on the day. He has only been to Cheltenham once, in backed Silver Groom would prefer a faster surface. Kingsfold Pet revels in mud, but has been reas-sessed on last week's New-bury win and has never won off a mark as high as 1987 when The Thinker won. "Little ships stay near to the shore," he said. "Til go to the bog for a few days, the wife says she wants some turf for the winter." The farmer's

nessee King, who ran well for a long way over two and a half miles at Haydock on

Beluded the once-powerful Guy Har-wood stable in recent years, but it could be his reappearance. This has been his target for some time and he looks well in on one run last sea-son — a four lengths Ludlow second to Non Vintage, who is now 25 lb worse off. Richard Dunwoody, who more like old times for the Pulborough team at San-down today with Amancio in the Sunderlands Imperial Cup. A course and distance

winner last season, when he also ran well in the Tri-Chepstow before dashing to Sandown by belicopter. Mariner's Air (1.00), who returned to form with a close second behind Outset last time, can give McCoy a good start to the day. Dunwoody should also head for Sandown with a winner under his belt as be teams un with the progres. umph Hurdle, Amancio has slipped to an attractive mark in the handicap and the forecast overnight rain for Sandown is greatly in

his favour. The steadier of 12 stone was too much for Amancio

However, he may have

ODAMI, winner of the 1993 Tote Cheltenham Gold Cup, will miss this year's race next Thursday because of a bacterial infection. He will now be trained for the Martell Grand National at Aintree on March 30. Peter Beaumont, the 11-year-old's trainer, said. "It's

wichard Dunwoody, who partners Chief's Song, and Tony McCoy, rider of Warm Spell, are in action in the first three races at Chepstow before dashing to Sandown by belicopter.

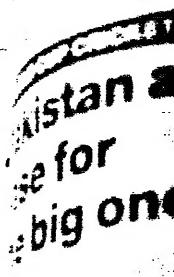
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teams up with the progres-sive Sister Stephanie (1.30) in the Bet With The Tote

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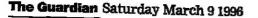


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	won by 91 from Bas de Laine, 9 ran (Kempion 3a, Gd).	FORM CONDE-KING LUCIPHIC Made metabos lest bine when in touch, not quicken feit, 3rd of 5 inletions, to 71 to River Loanse (Newbury 3m, Go/Sty).	2.45 CONCERS CLASSING STAKES IN # CLASS	
-4145 STAPLEFORD LADY (100) J Move 8-10-7	ARTHUR'S MIRSTRELL Always prominant, chased leader from 10 cot, led last, ridden out is win by 344		1 D05-11 HEATEYARDS ROCK (15) (CD) R Holitenhard 4-9-7	
TIPS: Nocatchim &, Blazan Of Tray 7, Kani Row S	from CUDDY DALE (nee 12b), led 2nd to bas, kept on, with KING CREDO (ge Bb), behand with headway approaching 2 cut, soon weakened 18 7th 6 Inishers (Sandown 3m) 10y, Go-Sig.	Fielde, 9 ran (Avr 2m4, Gd).	2 202-63 JEB (11) C Morray 6-6-1	
2 kool Row, 7–2 Bone Setter, 9–3 Blazon Of Troy, 5–1 Society Guest, 8–1 Nocalchos, 16–1 Kelly Report Horse B genners	MUCK WILLOW: Not seen as lance April 1994 when headsary to have every chance Last, no estra, 2nd of b		2 020-222 PMARLY DANCER (22) (CD) (GF) W Hegh 7-8-11	
	Inishers, bin (2 1/2) by Grange Brake (Chellenhers 3m2(110), Go-Fm). SIGOD RICOLIN Close up and led 5 out to 3 onl, build, 4h of 7 finathers, bin 20 to Ubu Val (Windsor 5m, Gd)	Newton Abbot 2m5110y, Hwy. BOND JNRS Outdessed list three when in thach until mistake 5 cm, soon weekaned and tabled off, pailed up before 2 and tabled for Mailtons. Walkington Washington (2015)	4 00052- NED O'NERLLY (1778) J Even 4-8-7	
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cure (Nempton 2ms, 60-sig IF TROYs Held up, led 3 out to last, one case, 8 1/3 3rd of 7 finishers to Meinet (Fonteen 2m3).	5.15 FLYERS STANDARD OPEN NATIONAL BURT FLAT 2m 110pts C1,417	RALLY CLOVIER Chased wroner approaching 4 out, run on one pice Bol, 2nd of 10 Anishers, bis 3 by Lance Armstrong (Windsor 2m5), 6(1.	Control Control (19) (20) - 1 - 2 - 2 - 2 - 2 - 2 - 2 - 2 - 2 - 2	
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nel 4	7 LEAP FROG N Gaselies 5-11-4F Cooper (7) 8 2 BARCHING MARQUES (14) N Chance 5-11-4R Democraty	2.00 BEAUFORT NOVICES' HURDLE SYO 2m 110yds C13,745	3.15 EAST MIDLANDS BLECTRICITY (LINCOLIE) BAIDEN STAKES 1m 2f 25,485	
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	11 40 STORM TIGER (14) S Mellor 5-11-4	S 621 AMELESIDE (21) (CO3 Mrs S Williams 11-5	2 22- CHEVALIER (225) Campbell 4-9-12	
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1421 AEDEAN (10) (D) G Enright 7-11-8	14 TANGLEPOOT TIPPLE D Eswarts 5-11-4 Holley 16 ORLA'S CROCE F Marshy 6-10-13 S Parist (7)	4 412833 DIVERTINGENTO (21) (D) J Macide 11-5	B D PANGERAN (29) Mrs A Serbani, 4-8-12	
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6 Senor El Berraio, 13-8 Spanish Light, 3-1 Lord Dorcet, 14-1 Aedean. 4 runners	17 ANOTHER COCKPIT P Hobbs 4-10-10	8 20 LORD RODBLE (56) J Gittori 11-6	9 407-00 ROYAL DANCER (3) R Viewer 4-9-7	
E-LORD DORCET: Close up until stumbled and unsealed rider 4 out in race won by Cumbrian	10 ARTIC BAT N/S P UU0916 4-10-10 Annual and a second seco	10 DF-4530 ROVESTAR (8) J King 11-5	10 000-4 FURTHER FUTURE (8) John Berry 3-8-5	
Voltaria, 3m Crt. Sti	16 ARTIC BAY Mrs P Duffield 4-10-10 If lends (7) 19 SNA MAIO M Madgevick 4-10-10 If lends (7) 20 SOL BUSIC Store Exist 4-10-10 If welds (7)	11 34-4114 TEDMINI (44) (D) (EP) T Forster 11-6	11 23 MELTERSON (12) C Sntein 3-8-5	
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2m, Gd-517		Lake Kanter, Lord Rochts. 12 names.	TOP FORM THE Cheveller I, Weltenigen 7, Maxadee 6	
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day News'n'scho 4.30 Golden Fiddle	TOP FORM TIPS: Sancie Mo 8, Seidles 7	Contrast Changelous South19702 EM	3 200-12 200 mm L m (12 (22) (12) (12) 5 200 mm (4-4	
6.00 Lord Lamb	Betchg: 6-4 Sonale Mo, 9-4 Dire For The Pay, 5-2 Beldine, 5-1 Poetive Activity, 25-1 Funny Old Game. 8 removes	Longo Rocking Behnding, Sul, and a shert of 11th of 12 Rockhard Schwad Astronol Boy (Ascal 2m170y, 88), MORECEN'S WEDDING: Unserted rider at 1st on debut behind Opera Fan, 15 mi (Catanick 2m, Gd). ROVESTAR: Held up, hampered 4 out, headmay 3 out, kept on under pressure from ned, 7th of 15 Rokhyre, 2m 191 to Moscasama (Newbury 2m110), Gd-St).	B-502 SOCIETY GIRL (12) (D) C Thornes 1.0.4	
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RAIGE JUYINELE NOVICE HURDLE 4YO 2n C2,884	4 220 SHOMARA'S WAY (8) P Monarth 5-11-7 (8 Code) (7)	-2m21, Go-S70, ROLFCORTALREE: Not seen out for a year when behind and beatway in out, stayed on strategy to lead inside final 1, wan by 2 1/21 toom Tence A Night in burnper, 20 nar (Market Resen Institut), Go-S70.	reservers	
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WORLD CUP CRICKET

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David Hopp's in Bangalore

HE suffocating streets outside the West End hotel yesterday listened to all that advice ear-resounded joyously to lier in his career to play the clamour of a Hindu com-straighter. munity carnival, but such an exuberant expression of In-dian confidence was less readily found in the hotel's air-conditioned ballroom as players from both sides gathered for a reception before In-dia's quarter-final against Pakistan.

There is no guarantee that Pakistan will win today but they won the mind game. The psychological difference between the two sides was striking: Pakistan, upbeat and selfassured; India, restless and uncertain. This is one occasion when it is no advantage to be at home.

India v Pakistan is a fixture to eclipse any other in cricket, rendering even such traditional rivalries as England v Australia a skirmish by comparison. Both sets of vivial, but politicians on both sides are looking to their egos. Woe betide any bowler who serves up a gentle full toss with four needed from the last hall of the match. Intriguingly, for the first time, India face Pakistan with a Muslim captain, Mohammad Azharuddin. In the

build-up to this game he was constantly accompanied by a Sikh bodyguard, who never strayed from his side. Azharuddin's station might serve Indian unity, "Even the Mus-lims in India are supporting

us this time." said one observer. Interest among the public is phenomonal, especially since it is seven years since politicians sanctioned the last meeting between the last meeting between the sides in India: a Nehru Cup match won by Pakistan. Unofficial polis (ie, the usual collection

Motor Racing

of taxi drivers, drinks waiters and railway porters) sugges that India is again not confident of victory. Pakistan's captain Wasim

vesterday.

done it attempting his favour ite clout over midwicket and was beginning to wish he bad. "I'd much rather be playing this match in India," he said. "So much is at stake and the side playing at home must cope with enormous expecta-tions. We do not have that

strain suffered while batting

against New Zealand. He had

problem." Wasim's involvement was likely, especially as he vowed to turn out even if he was only 50 per cent fit. His bo ing was expected to be im-paired, one factor that India calculated might tip the

natch in their favour. Wasim, nevertheless, beamed at the sight of his Pakistan players, chatted contentedly to all and sundry while the Indians barely dared to pass judgment on the

salad for fear of incurring the wrath of the management. And India's World Cup to date has, indeed, resembled Cleopatra's "salad days" when they were "green in judgment". Their batting has been over-reliant upon chin Tendulkar, now the proud possessor of a gostee beard, and their bowling,

Kumble and Srinath apart, has looked vulnerable. Their best prospects lay in a slow, low pitch, responsive to spin, and no Indian groundsman would prepare anything Wagar's return to some

thing approaching his best form has been a driving force behind Pakistan's World Cup

berinn rakstan's worin chp challenge. Bowling only at 70 per cent capacity in Australia late last year, Waqar insisted that he was gradually work-ing up to full fitness for the World Cup. He has been as good as his word:

One Pakistan batsman who will revel in the occasion is Javed Miandad, the streetfighter supreme and the only man to have played in all six World Cups. He will retire (again) after the tournament ends and is going in the ac-

Akram had little personal capted fashion, assuring all cause to smile yesterday, still and sundry that things are troubled as he was by a side- not as good as they used to be.



Bowled over . . . Dominic Cork is sidelined at yesterday's net session in Faisalabad

Cork down but not necessarily out of contention for England

DOMINIC CORK may still have a part to play in the World Cup should Eng-land survive today's guar-ter-final against Sri Lanka, Kithe Solver in the static state of the targen in the the targ

But Phillip Bell, the team doctor, considers the injury a result of the amount of over the next decade. cricket that Cork has had to writes Mike Selvey in Faisalabad. It had been hoped pri-vately that the seamer's in-jured knee would survive distributed that the indicate the indicate that the indicate the indicate that the indicate the indicate the indicate that the indicate the indicate the indicate that the indicate that the indicate th

Lara says sorry after race row

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RIAN LARA yesterday | words had been "put in a dif-apologised for his ferent language" although the West Indies were the best remarks after West | Vinod Mehta, the editor of the leam in the world | essary and uncalled for". Indies' defeat by Kenye which he claimed had been taken magazine Outlook, said he stood by the story and revealed that the remarks were on tape. "We should have beaten them and that day still ranks as one of the worst of my cricket career. But that stateout of context. Lara had been quoted by an Indian magazine as tolling Kenyan players that the de-feat was not as bad as losing

were on tape. Lara said: "I said that the defeat by Kenya was not as humiliating as when we lost to a white team like South Africa. to South Africa at the [last] Karachi with the West Indies World Cup. At that time squad for Monday's quarter-South Africa had just come final against South Africa. Yesterday he said that the

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"I got caught up in a con-versation with a couple of the guys," he added. "I know it's

a big issue and it throws doubt on my character." ment had no racial Wes Hall, West Indies' man-ager, called the Indian reporconnotation ' Lara, speaking on arrival in

ter, who had quoted Lara's conversation as a "pusillani mous humbug"

SPORTS NEWS 9

Rugby Union

Bath face debenture legal action

effectively increasing the true

value of the debenture to £1.900 for the club. Normally

each holder would expect to

attend around 21 home games a season without extra cost

but the exclusion of all cup

games next season, with

Europe beckoning for the first

time, would reduce the total to approximately 16. That

would comprise nine Courage

Robert Armstrong

ATH have become embroiled in an em-barrassing row with their long-term debenture holders by making a heavy-handed attempt to have home Pilkington Cup and European Cup matches taken out of the existing deal. A total of 320 debenture

League One games and seven club friendlies. holders in the Recreation Yesterday Quin defended the club's new proposal on the basis that Pilkington Cup Ground's new Teachers Stand have been asked to give up their right to attend all home the basis that Plucington cup matches should be on an al-pay basis because under the rules the visiting club takes half the ticket money. "If the games without purchasing atch tickets in return for a two-year extension of their 10year debenture. "This is a disgraceful ma-

hall the ticket money. "If the debenture holders don't pay for cup match tickets, then Bath would have to meet that cost," said Quin. However, Bath were fully acquainted with the cup's fi-nancial arrangements when they soid the debenture in noeuvre by the club to raise additional revenue at the ex-pense of debenture holders who paid £1,000 each as part of a bona fide agreement made two years ago," com-

they sold the debentures in 1994, covering around a third plained one prominent Bath nember yesterday. "There are right ways and of the new stand's 1.000 seats. wrong ways to raise the in effect Bath have offered money to fund professional-ism. Sadly this way could lead the holders three options: a new 12-year debenture that to debenture holders taking legal action against Bath." excludes cup games; a similar

approach."

cup-free extension to shorter The club have also angered term debentures; or a buymembers by seeking to buy back debentures at a reduced back offer that fails to take into account the inflation of the past two years. Some 70 holders are yet to respond to fee of around £800, which would open up hefty profits on each freshly available seat the letter. The debenture row must be

In a letter to all debenture placed in the wider context of John Quin declared this week: "We must seek a gen-eral resolve in the club's future interests (on this issue) and we wary must here this future interests (on this issue) and improve facilities next and we very much hope this season. In a letter to members will be accepted by everyone last month the club chairman on the basis of our revised Richard Mawditt pointed out: "We now have to make a fur-

Apart from their original ther £1 million-plus per anoutlay, which helped pay the s1.2 million building costs of the Teachers Stand, deben-ture holders also pay 250 each able the club to act and run in in stand fees for each season a full, responsible and profes covered by their agreement, sional manner."

England the same but Thomas axed

NGLAND have given a | four successive caps, block vote of confi-dence to their trium-phant Calcutta Cup side for mance, which was influnext Saturday's meeting with Ireland at Twicken-blow to the head. Jenkins.

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in a bit more depth, so it is getting quite exciting," said Hill. "But this was not a qualifying session, so it is a little difficult to know what every-

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body is up to." Meanwhile Villeneuve is warming to his role as the most distinguished F1 novice yet. Most newcomers to the

Hill was also quick to point out that the revised grand-prix practice format — last

season there were qualifying (not merely practice)sessions on both Friday and Saturday

- means it would be a mis-

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will again be permitted — can all the bets be regarded as off. "The pace is definitely hot-

ting up now and everyone is

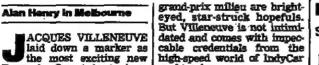
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high-speed world of IndyCar oval tracks. With experience of turning Formula One talent since

Michael Schumacher when he finished the first practice session for tomorrow's Aus-tralian GP only 0.2sec behind 225mph-plus qualifying laps at tracks such as Michigan at tracks such as Michigan and Indianapolis, it is hardly surprising that the 127mph average speed here at Mel-bourne left him barely ruf-fied. The excellent Albert Park track is quick by the standards of F1 street circuits his vastly more experienced Williams-Renault running mate Damon Hill here In so doing the 24-year-old

indyCar champion signalled that, for the third successive but a mere trip round a superseason, Hill can expect the most vigorous opposition to market car park when com-pared with the Indy 500. come from his own team. Yet, the Briton, as he has proved

Villeneuve's time was all but matched by Jean Alesi's new Banetion B196, the forfrequently in the past, can be at his most formidable when mer Ferrari driver gaining boundless satisfaction at havsubjected to intense pressure and Villeneuve's form did not appear to shake his resolve. ing pipped Schumacher for third place in the timing list.

But the German's new Fer-rari F310 looked extremely promising for a car short on testing miles and the world champion's team-mate Eddie Irvine could also be well satis-fied, lapping only 0.6sec

Disregarding Ferrari as a potential winning force would be a mistake, even though Schumacher remains diplo-matically downbeat.

Only when this afternoon's single, hour-long qualifying blast gets underway — in which the use of spare cars

"We have literally had no development testing with the new car," he explained. "We were able to sort out some of the worst problems but there

are still little things cropping up all the time which we need to deal with. "I regard the first two or three races of the season as an opportunity for testing. I

don't think we are yet in a position to think in terms of good results, or even finish-

talented

ing races." Rubens Barrichello's Jor dan-Peugeot was fifth fastest, shead of Gerhard Berger's Benetton and hvine. Jos Ver-

stappen was eighth fastest and claimed second billing day and yesterday. The English authorities are confident that Justice only to Villeneuve in terms of flair with a superb perfor-mance in the Footwork Hart. The young Dutchman ap-peared to be lost to F1 after the Simtek team went into liq-uidation last summer, but is now intending to re-establish his reputation as a future tal-ent. Verstappen may not have

winger Richard Henare. Workington Town were enjoyed by Villeneuve but many in the F1 fraternity beplunged into further disarlieve he is just as highly ray yesterday when Kurt

Paul Fitzpatrick meets the Widnes centre the first team. He got in at 17 championship to break up. and his career has developed into a model of unobtrusive stage than Widnes could prostill chasing a winners' medal after 10 years

Challenge Cup semi-final: St Helens v Widnes

ARREN WRIGHT re-fuses to make rash predictions about winning today's first ge Cup semi-final at placed. Widnes's three cup Winning today's first Challenge Cop semi-final at Wigan. "But I can promise St Helens that we will be diffigames so far have been away. They overcame a tricky hurcult to beat," says the Widnes dle at Dewsbury, knocked out the Super League club Workington Town and then produced their most impres-sive display at Hull. centre. Once Wigan had fallen by

the wayside St Helens were installed as cup favourites. The position is justified and Wright scored two late tries in a 20-0 win. "It was particu-larly satisfying to keep a clean sheet against them," says Wright, who remembers there is a feeling that Saints will never have a better chance of claiming the prize that eluded them on visits to Wembley in 1978, 1987, 1989 and 1991.

sides struggling to come away from The Boulevard with any The omens are good for them, too. In the semi-finals between the sides in 1969 and reward. "The previous week they had run in 40 points 1991 — both at Wigan — Saints won and in the six conagainst Keighley. They were understrength, admittedly, but such a score still takes some doing. But we never gave Hull a kick at goal." frontations since 1960-61 the best Widnes have managed was a 5-5 draw. When the People tend to think Wright, now in his benefit season, is older than he is but he turned 28 only in January. sides contested the 1976 final St Helens won that

But Doug Laughton is back at Widnes after four years as coach at Leeds and, according to Wright, "there is a real

AFINAL judgment on the Adispute between the Australian Rugby League and Rupert Murdoch's breakaway Super League will be made on Monday or

Tuesday, writes Paul Fitzpairick It was expected yesterday but Justice James Burchett will now spend the week-end considering a number of submissions made to the court in Sydney on Thurs-

Burchett would not uphold the ARL's demand for Super League to be banned worldwide three weeks be-fore the scheduled start of the new European League. Warrington have agreed a three-year deal with Carlisle's 27-year-old Kiwi the equipment to match that

Wright ... at the centre of Widnes's challenge Sorensen quit as coach.

crafsmanship, consistency, discipline and integrity. During that time at

Naughton Park he has experienced some intoxicating highs, particularly playing in that wonderful Widnes side that won successive champi-onships in 1968 and 1969, and in which he and Martin Of-fiah formed the most lethal stood such a drain and ex-pected to thrive and inevitapartnership in the business. Offiah was the prolific one, of course, but in the four seasons they were together more than 200 tries came from their wing alone. There were also a World Club Championship

Premiership Trophy final appearances As Wright says: "It was a pity we never got to the cup final. I think anyone who had a feel for rugby league would love to have seen that side at

Wembley." They did get there later, in 1993, but deep depression fol-lowed. Although Alan Tait and Offiah had already gone. [the former Saints player] has played. There's a lot of experiseason, is older than he is but Widnes, overwhelmed by fi-he turned 28 only in January. The misconception probably stems from his long tenure in potential to challenge for the

There is still a deep sense o resentment at the club that Widnes are not in the Super League - "it runs right through from officials to players to spectators" - and Wright admits that the Widnes team were not always as motivated as they might have been in the centenary season. But no such spur is needed

Apart form ending Workington's cup hopes, they gave Wigan the fright of their lives when they took them to extratime in the Regal Trophy. It is safe to assume that St Helens, under their new Australian coach Shaup McRae, will have planned meticu-lously and at their best Saints are capable of blasting any side out of the water.

But they also have a soft underbelly and Widnes could exploit that. They have a tal-ented back division and potential matchwinners in Wright, Spruce, Cooper and Devereux. They also have the game's in-form pack, accord-ing to Wright. "Our forwards are taking

everything before them at the moment," he says. It would be no massive surprise if they MICHAEL STEELE | took St Helens as well.

ham which could earn them the Triple Crown, writes Wales's record scorer with 419 points, wins his 39th Robert Armstrong. But Wales have axed their fly-half Arwel Thomas in favour of Neil Jenkins, one of three changes, in a bid to avoid another Five Nations whitewash when they meet the likely chompions cap and his 30th at fly-half, overtaking the record set by Cliff Morgan at No. 10 during the Fifties. Wales have also tried to inject greater penetration into their three-quarter line, preferring the 21-year-old Bridgend wing Gareth the likely champions France in Cardiff.

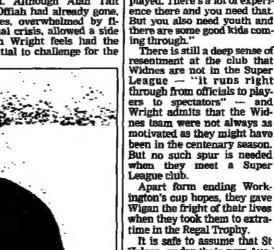
Despite a meagre total of two tries in their last three games the England selec-tors have decided not to try any fresh combinations to improve the improvement of the front row, which at inters was out-powered by Ireland, loses the Cardiff loose-bead Andrew Lewis improve their scoring po-tential. Jason Leonard, who this week escaped a possible ban for an alleged assault on Scotland's Rob Few clubs could have with-Wainwright (due to incon-clusive evidence), wins his 49th cap against an Irish team buoyed by last week's 30–17 victory over Wales. Will Carling makes his 66th England appearance. his 59th as captain. Dean

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• Alan Davies, the coach sacked by Wales last season, is to replace Brian Hanlon at Thomas, who steps down to the Wales bench after Bristol

to be replaced by Christian Loader of Lianelli.







vide and, to be fair, he de-served one," says Wright. "But it was dismaying to see players of the calibre of Davies, Howard, Currier, Faimalo, Ireland, Hammond and Eyres go, especially when you falt the crisis had been brought on by mismanagement.

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Sixth round: Chelsea v Wimbledon

Modern man breathing new life into the Blues

Martin Thorpe on Glenn Hoddle, who admits that his club are 'getting there'

EN Ken Bates appointed Glenn Hoddle manager of years ago this June. It sent out a signal to the football world that the club's latest attempt to reach the top would be made playing with style and imagination. Cynics looked at the club's recent history and its playing staff

and sniggered. When Hoddle got Chelsea to the FA Cup final, then the Cup Winners' Cup semi-final, the doubters were still unimbe doubters were sin unin-pressed. Where was the style? Only when Hoddle persuaded Ruud Gullit to swap Genoa for the Fulham Road did the cynics accept that he was serious about addressing the means as well as the ends.

Now Chelsea stand eighth in the Premiership, two games away from Wembley and are starting to look a class act. Not only are they producing some sweet-flowing yet deadly movements with enough touch and technique to make Gullit feel more than at home but, unlike earlier in the season,

hold possession more. "We're getting there," says Hoddle, "but we're not the finished article, that's for sure. We've got to get right up that league. But every opportunity we've had to really jump in there and make people sit up, we haven't done it. So until then I'll never be content."

Hoddle is proving he can produce a team in his own playing image. He is also on the way to demonstrating that

it has been a struggle. His first two years at Stamford Bridge were characterised by injuries to key players that left the team picking itself and made the use of his favourite sweeper system impossible, given the available personnel. He also made some questionable buys: Stein. Fur-

long, Rocastle, as well as failing to acknowledge Lee's talent earlier. Yet this season things have started to slot into place. "In-juries have been the main difference the last few seasons," he says. "Now we've got them pretty well under wraps and

we've bought some quality players, it's starting to come together." The summer purchase of Gullit specifically to play sweeper heralded the intro-duction of a system which, with the subsequent purchase of the penetrative wing-backs Petrescu and Phelan, has been instrumental in Chel-sea's metamorphosis. And, when Gullit was injured, allowing Lee to emerge as the perfect replacement, Hoddle came up with the perfect solu-tion: let the Dutchman forage

in midfield. "Playing Rudi there has worked excellent when we've played one up front and flooded the midfield, because we can get enough options in there that the ball's going to get to him. Sometimes if you they are more consistent. play 4-4-2, it ends up a bit like dominate games longer and a tennis match and that's

where you don't want your best player." There was never a chance that Gullit would be dropped. "Every side needs a player like Ruud Gullit, a player who. can win the game with one pass, who is a cut above the rest and a player who can hurt the opposition by doing what comes naturally. I just love watching him." Hoddle refused to divulge

tions dancing: 3-4-1-2, 3-4-2-1 cism in other areas, too. Training comprises lots of ball work to improve players and even on one occasion Hoddle enjoys playing the strategist. "You have the teams scouted three or four touch, technique and encour-age two-footedness. Hoddle games before and try to com-

urday's league game against the same opponents in res-ponse to the sturdier chal-lenge and cloying pitch. But he could change it again. This season he has had the forma-tor shine. And he is breaking also done a lot of work on pre-or shine. And he is breaking through the cloud of scepti-cism in other areas, too, Dimining each play-cism in other areas, too, Dimining each play-Glastonbury festival than a football training ground but Chelsea are living proof it team's by employing a reflex-ologist for the past two years. It is a special foot massage that helps cleanse the body. "There's blockages in your

Arms and the man . . . Hoddle feels the tension during the dying moments of the third-round FA Cup tie with Newcastle

works. Perhaps too well. Hod-dle's success has turned the spotlight on him as a poten-tial successor to Terry Venables as England coach.

understood he really covets the England job. Today, though, the Cup beckons against a team whose reputation is the antithesis of

a lift from Juninho

his own. Asked how difficult it was to play the passing game against a team such as Wimbledon, Hoddle said: "We'll bave to find out, We might boot it." And Mother Teresa might swear.

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Fifth-round replay Tottenham Hotspur v Nottingham Forest

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Pearce to drag calf in mud

AIN in the air, a badly drained pitch, a re-shuffled team it most be another "glory, glory" day at Tottenham Hotspur

Spurs are at home in a fifthround replay to a team that could be without their captain, both wingers and half their first-choice defence. Could Wembley be beckoning them again?

Much may depend on Stu-art Pearce. Though his tender calf suffered a reaction on his return to the team in Munich on Tuesday, the Nottingham Forest captain is unlikely to be kept out of the side today. "The calf muscle swelled up

during the game and was very stiff afterwards," he said yes-terday, "but I'm staying very hopeful. I'm desperately keen to face Tottenham." Spurs have a couple of

selection problems - "It would be an event if I could ever get my first-choice team out," says Gerry Francis --but they do not look as thorny as Forest's.

The wingers Steve Stone and Ian Woan could join the England centre-half Colin Cooper on the injury list. Paul McGregor and Bobby Howe, who both scored against Sheffield Wednesday last Saturday, stand by.

Forest have won seven of their past eight games at White Hart Lane. "A fort-night ago we were struggling to find that form," said their manager Frank Clark, "but in the games since our confidence has returned.

Francis has not given up hope of Chris Armstrong recovering from the ankle in jury he picked up in the first game against Forest. But Andy Sinton is Cup-tied and Jason Dozzell suspended, which means he will change defence and midfield. The likely line-up will see Ronny Rosenthal restored on the left and Sol Campbell moving up from right-back to accommo-

bas even had two walls playing image. He is also on Hoddle refused to divulge bat them. I enjoy that side of the way to demonstrating that his formation for today's it. I haven't had that much op-innovative thinking can suc-ceed in the English game. But switched to 3-3-3-2 for last Sat-injuries but, now Tve got the injury front is down to a on injuries. We've also got sign another until he knows Fifty years ago today Bolton Wanderers won through to the semi-final of the FA Cup. But, as Alan Brown reports, the day ended | Boro expect

in disaster: 33 people died and 500 were injured in the stampede after a side-gate was opened and the crowd swelled to 80,000 The day Burnden Park became a graveyard

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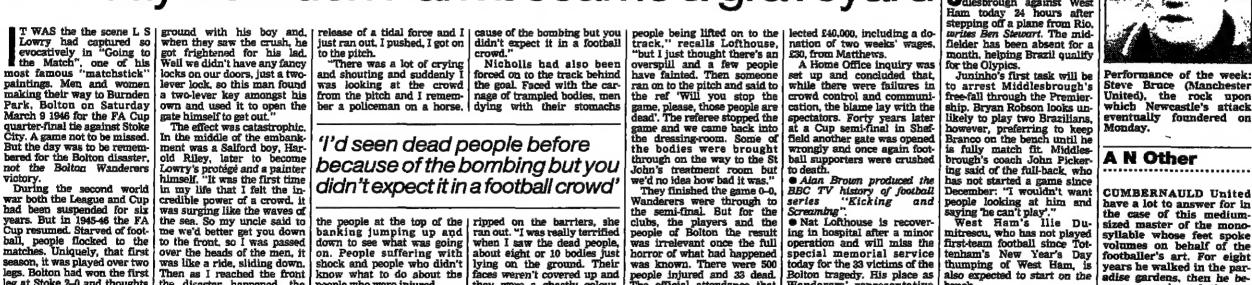
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matches. Uniquely, that first season, it was played over two legs. Bolton had won the first leg at Stoke 2-0 and thoughts the disaster happened, the barriers fell down and the were turning to Wembley. A big game in the Cup had the added attraction of

Stoke's favourite son and football's biggest star. Stanley Matthews. On the other side was a 20-year-old who had spent his war down the pit, Nat Lofthouse, playing in his first FA Cup. "The build-up to the game was massive." he remembers. "Stoke had internationals like Neil Franklin but everyone came to see Stan, he put 10,000 on the gate easily, he was that popular.

A teenager at the time, Au-drey Nicholls went to the game. "Nat and Stan were our heroes. Burnden Park was our Mecca it was so special to the town because the club had been so successful before the war, people were very proud." The ground was dominated

at one end by a vast open em-bankment that fell away from the railway line down to the pitch. It alone held a capacity of 28,000. Bert Gregory had just joined the Bolton ground staff. "The bank was pretty staff. "The bank was pretty crude, just dirt really, with any old bits of flag stones they could get for steps. When it rained, the gaps filled with water and the mud spilled out but people didn't mind."

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As the game kicked off the embankment was full and the gates were closed, leaving thousands outside. Not to be denied, supporters scrambled up to the railway line, jumped the sleepers and scaled the fencing. Then one of the main gates at the side was opened and people poured through. How this gate came to be opened has remained a mystery but Gregory tells the pop-

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shock and people who didn't know what to do about the lying on the ground. Their faces weren't covered up and

people who were injured. they were a ghastly colour, barriers fell down and the "The dead people were just this awful white colour." people fell and there was this left like bags on the ground. Incredibly the game moving forward, a kind of a I'd seen dead people before be- still going on. "I saw s Incredibly the game was still going on. "I saw some

was known. There were 500 people injured and 33 dead. The official attendance that Bolton tragedy. His place as Wanderers' representative day was 65,419 but closer to 80,000 were there. will be taken by Danny Mur-phy, his playing colleague in the 1940s.

A compensation fund col-

Steve Brace (Manchester United), the rock upon which Newcastle's attack eventually foundered on Monday.

A N Other CUMBERNAULD United

sized master of the mono-syllable whose feet spoke volumes on behalf of the footballer's art. For eight years he walked in the paradise gardens, then he bebench. came a red evolutionary and brought new fame to Everton's manager Joe

Royle has no hesitation in the already famous. Later his downs were as spectacuhanding Marc Hottiger granted a work permit along with Dumitrescu on Thurslar as his ups.

day — his first Premiership start of the season against Last week: Peter Cormack (Nottingham Forest, Liver-Coventry. pool, Bristol City).

Middlestrough will have both their Brazh-ians evailable, Jusinho, who has been helping Brazil quality for the Olympics, should start but Branco, who is short of match filmess, is likely to be included among the substitutes in central relence Vickers is out with a call strain but Pesn-son churs after supervised that the like Into midfield in place of Dozzell (sus-panded), leaving a gap at hill-back to be filled by Austin or Edinburgh. Stade, who played in the 1-0 win over Southampton on Saturday, stands by to replace Arm-strong. Forest will again be without Cooper (adde) and Silenzi (vrus) and may have problems on the flanks, where Stone and Woan are still recovering from lane injuries But expect Plance to be it de-spite suffering stiffness in his call after son returns after suspension. West have Moncur and Breaker in again Dumitrescu available after calming Aberdeen v Airdrie Abardeen will be without their captain McKimmie (knee) but Windars and Shearer return to the squad, Airdija can-nol field Hatherston, their recent signing

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Chelses have Lee. Spencer and Peacock fit again and looking for first-team places. Lee will replace Johnson at the back, Spencer a likely to replace Speckman in middleid and Peacock may displace Fur-long. Wimbledon have Harford and Holds-worth fit again. Harford will return to mid-field but Holdsworth may have to serve as

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Villa have doubts about Johnson and will almost certainly be enfront Staunton and Taylor, but they can recail Drape, reco-ered from an and/e injory, to the midtlaid. Rangers will make changes to their doubt inste. McDonaid is expected to return in place of Ready and Brevelt is back from excension to take rever type Challie from Challis

Everton v Coventry

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TEAM SHEET fottenham v Nottin Forest West Ham v Middlesbrough be sufficiently recovered from his ankie injury to lead their tatack. Rosembal takes over from Satten (cup-lied) on the left and Wisson or Campbell is likely to move up into midfield in place of Dammove up into midfield.

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United's defonce may be unchanged: Pai-lister has been told to take two weeks rect after 1 recurrence of his back injury Southampton will be without Vonison

ular myth. "A man was in the | Standing room only ... the crowd reaches down to the touchline as police attempt to regain control and rescue workers recover the bodies of victims

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Wearside no land of milk and honey

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HE call by Sunderland supporters for a Sugar Puffs boycott because of Newcastle United's ap-pearance in the cereal's television advert seems to be working. Sales on Wearside have ground to a halt, resulting in the cancelling of proposed incoming stock by local supermarkets. The problem was considered serious enough for a Sugar Puffs representative to go on local radio and appeal for a truce.

However, one caller to the show provided some relief for the cereal giants. He and "a few lads" had hired an HGV to collect surplus stock from over the water for re-sale on the buoyant Tyneside market.

BITCHY comment of the eek, after Manchester United's win over Newcas-tie: "Well, they'll be dancing in the streets of Bourne-mouth tonight."

BITCHY joke of the week: Why does Eric Cantona always have his collar turned up. Answer: Because his neck is dirty from carrying Cole all year.

SCUNTHORPE UNITED vative. Two seasons ago they addressed their team's poor form by changing the colour of the first-team colour of the inst-cam strip to white. The old claret and blue stripes were deemed to merge with the empty sects in the stand, making it difficult for players to pick out team-mates.

Last week, when asked at a fans' forum about the reason for the team's poor home form, the United chairman said the small size of the pitch in the com-size of the pitch in the com-for visiting sides to pack their defence and difficult for United to break down. The solution? In order to emisrge the pitch the club is considering demolyshing a

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place. When United moved from the Old Show Ground in 1988 they ordered the pitch at the new ground be exactly the size of the large one they were leaving. So the old pitch was carefully measured and the dimensions transferred to the new plot. It was only when all the stands had been erected that someone realised they had left no room for the perimeter track.

Regi BLINKER's two-goal debut for Sheffield Wenesday does not disqualify him from lining up in an imaginary Europe team that should be a pushover by surname if not by talent. In goal would be Prats of Celta Vigo in Spain. The de-fence would be Blind of

Ajax, Grimm of Stutigart, Gaspar of Thrense in Portugal and Uerdigen's Passiac

A suitably feeble midfield could be built around Crapa of Seraing in Bel-gium, alongside PSV's Klown and Proiburs's Klomp and Freiburg's Blank. In strack would be Blinker, Tulipa of Belen-enses in Portugal and the Belgian side Charleroi's Cameroon star Jean-Jac-

ques Misse-Misse. The man ager? St Truiden's Guy Mangelshots. (from Michael Holmes of Cork). (from

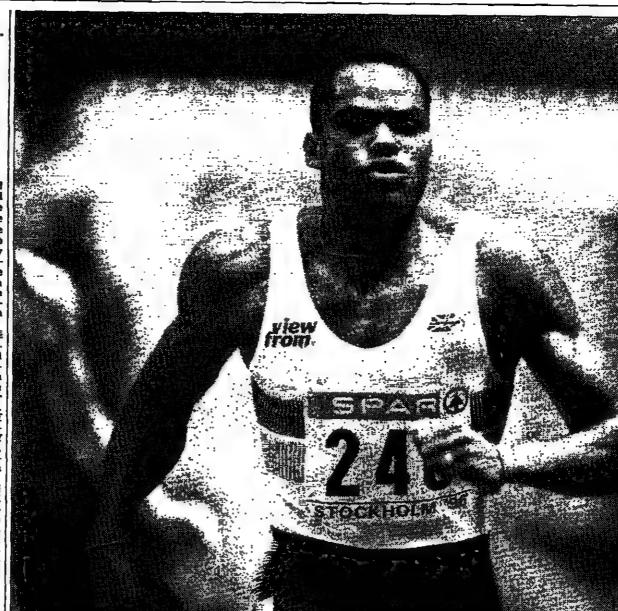
AND YET more musical shirt sponsors: Cock-ney Rebel for Julian Dicks, Moody Blues for Manchester City, Right Said Fred for Shrewsbury, Simple Minds for ... take your pick.

YOU will not see it in Liv-erpool's goalscoring list, but in truth there should be an entry near the bottom which reads "Pitch, 2". First there was Colly-more's shot which hit the divot Tim Flowers had

nade to mark the centre of his six-yard line, belloon-ing the ball over the be-

man in Europe this year, hav-ing run 6.55sec in Birmingconsidering demolishing a good factor. No wonder ham in the Great Britain v

nich slid



Up front . . . positive running by Ladejo gave him an easy passage into today's 400m semi-finals

European Indoor Athletics Championships

Gardener left in the blocks

Gothenburg last year during viously I lost it at the start." the world championships, the It was clear, as soon as Gar-

Stophon Biorley In Stockholm

ATE. Hubris. Nerves. Call it what you like but the twitchy, super-

fast fledgling world of the British sprinter Jason Gardener crashed around his young head in the Globe staium yesterday. Gardener entered these championships as the fastest

20-year-old from Bath grinned broadly and answered that he had never made a false start in his life during any competitive event. If fate can be tempted, then on this occasion the temptation proved irresistible. For in the first men's 60 metres

beat the unthinkable hap-pened. Gardener was attrib-uted with a false start. In fact he barely left his blocks but the ultra-sensitive equipment, which takes pressure changes

the negative into a positive. dener, the world junior 100m There is rarely anything other than a super-abundance of the positive about Du'aine Ladejo's running and the favourite for the men's 400m silver medal winner in 1994, finished outside the first two in his heat, that his run had not been swift enough to en-able him to qualify as a fast-est loser. He was third in 6.79, 0.03sec from the semi-final. In the mixed zone, where athletes change before and after their races, Gardener's disappointment was obvious. through into today's semi-finals with the minimum

effort in 47.84. Nick Buckfield comfortably He knew he had blown his chances by failing at the very qualified for today's pole-vault final, as did Ashia Handiscipline that had previously sen in the women's triple never caused him problems.

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tournaments in Europe in succession without suffering

Golf **Flip side** for Langer

Duvid Davies In Coral Springs

such an indignity. He fin-ished with a 79 and a total of ERNHARD LANGER, the man Langer, who in the 1988 Open at Lytham five putted who has survived three putting crises in his career, found himself the 17th green, said yesterday: "I couldn't see the line. deep in yet another one in the or feel the line and if I got the second round of the Honda Classic at Eagle Trace, near Fort Lauderdale, yesterday. Needing a round of par or better to avoid missing his second cut in succession. ball travelling on the right line, it was at the wrong pace

With strong winds sweep with strong white sweep-ing the course on a day when tornados killed slx people in Alabama and trucks were overturned in Georgia, scor-Langer made a terrible start at the 10th, his first, by missing a six-foot putt by more ing became very difficult. The early clubhouse leader than six inches. He went on to miss from inside two feet at on 137 was Michael Bradley, the 1st, to three-putt the 2nd from 10 feet, the second putt who finished second to Greg Norman last week. Nick Price, after a level-par 72, was on 138 while Lee Rinker folalso being inside two feet, and three-putt the 4th where, after leaving his approach with a nine iron 45 feet short, be left lowed up his opening 64 with

a 75 for 139. If the first-round leader his first putt 10 feet short. It was a woeful display and Tim Herron, with his 10-under-par 62, was relatively Langer's caddie Peter Cole-man said between the 20d and 3rd greens: "He's got to do unknown, then David Kirk-patrick could provide the complete definition of such a something. He can't be com-petitive like this.

"The grip he uses means he can't yip in the classic fash-Kirkpatrick is a 28-year-old Scot who, when the first list of players was drawn up for but now he's breaking the left elbow and not putting a proper stroke on the ball. He's better off being 10 feet away than two feet. There's a for a qualifying competition that was run to provide four places in the field of 144. Eventually he got into the qualifier and later still found long putter on order, but I don't know if that's the

himself in a play-off, with five As so often in golf, luck also desarted the playar playing poorly, and Langer's tee shot others, for the two remaining spots. He clinched his at the second extra hole, to bec to the short 3rd finished in a the last man to get into the bunker, right up against the lip. He could only get it out to 30 feet and when Coleman put

field proper. At one point in the first round it looked as though the out his hand to collect the sand wedge, the normally imformer Scottish international who lost the final of the Scot tish Amateur Championship to Stephen Gallacher in 1992, might provide a fairy-tale ending. He eagled the long 5th peturbable Langer betrayed his emotions by instead flip-ping the club at his bag.

By now he was seven over par, the cut irretrievably to go four under, but dropped shots at the last two holes missed, the second in a row shots at the for the man who has gone 68 meant a 70.

favourite for the men's 400m gold tomorrow, a race he won two years ago in Paris, purred Hedblom comes back fighting

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few yards out. Given that Glanford Park is only eight ball hit the join of the origiyears old, this seems a bit drastic. Would it not just of turf cut in around the be cheaper to sack the manager? But the pitch should have But the pitch should have

been bigger in the first Grounds for complaint?

Fulham and Gillingham face fine for Priestfield battle

week after both were yester-day found guilty for their part in last November's "Battle of Priestfield", which left one player with a broken leg, 10 utes, he said, were "the most disagreeable by professional footballers that he had ever booked and two sent off -- one had to witness". The commission looks

by mistake. The FA commission found likely either to fine or to centhe clubs guilty of misconduct but cleared them of a charge The Dutch midfielder Richplavers".

of "failing to control their and Sneekes has finally agreed to join West Bromwich Albion from another strug-The commission heard evi-

dence from Gillingham's ging team, Bolton. The two Mark O'Connor, still on agreed a fee of around crutches more than three 2400,000 earlier in the week months after the Third Div- but Sneekes asked for time to ision game. The referee Mick think over the move. Bailey, accompanied by one Ochris Malkin's £400,000 of his linesmen, talked the transfer from Millwall to commission through video replays of the tackle by Mark Charlton was delayed last night after a routine medical. Thomas which left O'Connor with a double fracture of a the 28-year-old striker in time

through injury, but Ally

leg and sparked "a mass to play in today's game — confrontation". against Millwall — at The When that subsided he sent Valley.

Scottish Cup

Rangers ready to devour another set of minnows

Patrick Glenn

McCoist returns to the attack. "Whatever anybody else says about him," said Rangers' manager Walter Smith, "for EARTS' 2-1 victory at St Johnstone on Thursday made them the pied pipers of the Tennents Scottish Cup, leading the way into the semime, he's still the best in the country at scoring goals." Airdrie will not match Aberdeen for quality but, in finals with six more hopefuls reaching last year's final, showed that they are very trying breathlessly to follow. The odds against the three capable spoilers, with a knack non-Premier Division aspirants are substantial, with Airdrie required to visit Abopponents. erdeen today and Dundee United travelling to Celtic

morrow. tional striker, could soon be free to complete his signing. The home advantage that Caledonian Thistle should have enjoyed over Rangers this afternoon was neutralised when the tie was under contract. Cadete's adviswitched to Tannadice Park, Dundee, for security reasons. The Highlanders from the Third Division, who were ad-mitted to the Scottish League at the start of last season, will ported Sporting, allowed a surely have to settle for the despatched to Scotland. compensation of a share of gate receipts from a crowd

three times the number they could have packed into TelRussis international six millisecond, had detected his unsteadiness. weeks ago.

It was a time that took both him and his coach David The guy next to me moved which caused me to move. I Lease by surprise, with Lease, perhaps a little un-wisely, commenting at the think I was a little bit un-lucky but rules are rules," a hugely disappointed Gartime that this run would "rat-tie a few cages" in the sprint-ing world. And so Gardener arrived in Sweden with high dener said afterwards. At the second time of asking, and with this first ever false start clawing insidiously at his concentration and confictations and more than a gint of gold. On Thursday, when asked dence, he understandably dwelt. All was lost. "I had to

about the Seiko starting sys-tem, which caused such an about the Seiko starting sys-tem, which caused such an avalanche of false starts in My running was okay but ob-

TV threat for the worlds

A ROW over money may mean next year's world championships range and the sage rating what its news conference to an-next year's exaggerating what its news conference to an-next year's exaggerating what its news conference to anwill not be screened on terrestrial television in Europe. Yesterday Bo Gentchanged. W zel, a leading member of the European Broadcasting Union, warned that the fore was a but what ' now is also **RBU** and the international-Gentzel Amateur Athletic Federa-tion are "miles apart" in agreeing a new deal. IAAF presid

The previous four-year \$91 million (£60 million) contract expired at the end biolo," he s Already a mouth's LA of last year. The IAAF now wants the EBU to pay \$150m for its events but country ch \$150m for its events but Gentzel said the Union was

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product is worth." he ex-plained. "The sport has Association of Athletic ts this n in-

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jump. Hansen was under-standably apprehensive, for she had failed to make the Years ago, at a training see-sion, Lease had briefly as-sumed the persona of Christie final at both the European infor the purposes of an ex-tremely important lesson. door and outdoor ch ships in 1994, and again at the more rarefled atmosphere of the world championships last "We lined up and I wriggled my shoulders. Jason was off down the track in an instant. year. After that he never made a false start again." Until

Her jumping this year has been altogether more consis-tent and a leap of 14.32m here yesterday. "I like to think of myself as was bettered only by Bulgar ia's Iva Prandzheva, the sila very disciplined person. What this showed is that just ver medal winner at both the world indoor and outdoor because you are in good form it does not mean that you are championships last year.

Short course mars trials

going to win. I've just got to learn from it and hope to turn

COMPETITORS in last weekend's British crossprofessionals. country championships ran up to a mile less than stipulated because of errors in lay-ing out the course at Stake ford, near Ashington.

All four men's and women's the All four men's and women's races, which doubled as Brit-ain's world championship trials, were affected and the team for Cape Town on March 23 would almost certainly have been different had the full distances been run. An organiser John Caine said: "We were between 150

PGA European Tour.

ting burt, and life is so CHARING a ring with a short that you have to have fun," he said. "I was much S national boxing cham-pion is a dangerons exbigger and stronger and l knocked him down to win ercise for a golfer --- even a sportsman as capable as Peter Hedblom. The sturdy at the end of the third. But he was much faster than me and kept hitting me hard in Swede's legacy from three rounds with Sweden's best lightweight last year was badly bruised ribs and a

the ribs." Subsequent breathing dif-ficulties led to pneumonia and a reluctant decision by Hedblom, twice a runnerbout of pneumonia that interrupted his progress up in 1994, to curb his action-man activities in towards success on the

But as the Moroccan Open reached the halfway stage here at storm-struck order to pursue his goal of a first Toar victory and a Ryder Cup place at Valder Royal Dar es Salam yesterrama next year.

day Hedblom showed he had not suffered any last-ing ill effects and is now a Five birdies in the last six holes for a homeward 31, during which he holed from comfortable match for Se-veriano Ballesteros and the six yards three times, is the type of explosive finish for which the new Ryder Cup rest of Europe's leading captain Ballesteros was

After two rounds (68 and once renowned. Sadly the Spanish maestro remains 67) Hedblom is nine under par and four strokes clear so adrift that he apologised of Phillip Price, his closest challenger, and Ballesteros has recied from the arena

to Moroccan golf fans. "It is the second time I have come here and played very badly," he said. "I hit the ball on the toe and heel, after floundering to a 79, 22

after floundering to the the ball on the tot and bottom of the ball on the tot and bottom of the club, but never in the the club, but never in the first hockey but was upprepared for the 25th birthday sur-nine holes underlined his prise organised by his lack of confidence. Price friends in his home town of was home in 33 for a 68 that Gavle. He was led blindfold put him two clear of thirdinto a boxing booth and placed Alex Cejka of confronted by the Swed- Germany.

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But Celtic will wait for Fifa's approval before pro-ceeding. Under the Portu-guese FA clearance, they

Glyn Charles and George for bringing down superior Skoudas secured the Star Celtic were lifted yesterday class berth in the British by the news that Jorge Ca-Olympic team with one race to spare in the Bacardi Cup in dete, the Portuguese interna-Biscayne Bay, writes Bob Fisher in Miami. They beat Lawrie Smith and Chris Mason in nine of His move has been delayed because Sporting Lisbon the 11 selection trial races. claimed they still had him Smith, who won a Solings bronze at Barcelona, has never looked at home in the

Sailing

Sport in brief *****************************

The unseeded Briton Tim

Henman walked into the semi-finais of the £500,000 ATP Rotterdam indoor event

when the world No.1 Pet

Sampras pulled out of their quarter-final yesterday with a foot injury. Michael Stich has

heen ruled out of Germany's

Davis Cup tie in France next month after surgery on a

chipped foot bone and may

miss the French Open.

Tennis

spite an official recommenda-tion to replace the apartheid-tainted symbol with the King

Rangers are without their could still have to pay a fee tainted symbol with the King captain, Richard Gough, and set by an international Protea, an indigenous flower.

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A ROOKIE TAKES TO THE CIRCUIT AT THE AUSTRALIAN GRAND PRIX

Villeneuve makes quite an entrance

needed to use the meeting as a

Rumours

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The grand-prix season starts tomorrow. Richard Williams smells promise in the singed air around Melbourne's Albert Park

EN Jacques season. Ferrari will pay For-illeneuve was mula One's star performer sked yesterday £16 million to bring a happy Villeneuve was asked yesterday how he would be approaching his Formula One debut, he smiled and gave a one-word sinited and gave a one-word answer: "Aggressively." The French-Canadian, widely tipped to give Michael Schu-macher and Damon Hill a run for their money this season, had caught the mood of his new environment. The 1966 world champion

The 1996 world champion-ship series begins in Mel-bourne tomorrow, when 22 cars representing 11 teams --the smallest field for many years — will contest the Aus-tralian Grand Prix over the new Albert Park circuit, a fast and sinuous 3%-mile track a five-minute tram ride from the beach.

Villeneuve's arrival is one of several reasons why this promises to be an unusually exciting season. And who would have made that predicwould have made that predic-tion only two or three years ago, when the generation of Piquet, Prost, Senna and Mansell was slipping from the stage? The fear was that For-mula One would find it im-possible to replace such high-definition characters and that its box-office appeal would wans at a time when its ecowane at a time when its economic base was under threat from the withdrawal of reces-

sion hit sponsors. But the presence here this such former champineuve, the 24-year-old son of another dead hero. The new-comer, last year's IndyCar champion, announced himself in Melbourne with

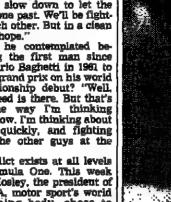
resolution to the long struggle to restore the fortunes of the prancing horse. If he suc-ceeds, they will consider him worth every penny, and more. The possibility that the task The possibility that the task is beyond even his remark-able powers is the key to the season, allowing others to dream and making the first race of the year a fascinating prospect. The late completion of Ferrari's new car meant that Schumacher arrived in Melbourne admitting that he needed to use the meeting as a which run and he think et at the top of the timing sheets, separated by a fifth of a second. "And there's no reason why either of us should slow down to let the other one past. We'll be fight-ing each other. But in a clean way, there "

Giancario Baghetti in 1961 to win a grand prix on his world championship debut? "Well, the speed is there. But that's not the way I'm thinking right now. I'm thinking about going quickly, and fighting with the other guys at the front." front

Conflict exists at all levels of Formula One. This week Max Mosley, the president of the FIA, motor sport's world governing body, chose to reveal one buried level by releasing correspondence be-tween his office and some of

development exercise. Never-theless none of his rivals missive attitude to representations over safety, insurance and other matters suggests that he and Bernie Eccles-tone, the FIA's vice-president would dream of underestimat ing the German driver's abil-ity to bring his team's previously diffuse energies swiftly into focus, and the car has aland the man who turned Forits ability to run mula One from a semi-ama-teur sport into a global busi-

smooth, confident perfor-mances in the early practice essions, matching the Englishman for speed and rather outshining him for finesse. Villeneuve has no intention of playing the faithful back-up man. "There are no team orders," he said after yesterday's practice session, in which Hill and be finished at



the drivers, including Schu-macher and Hill. Mosley's dis-

way, I hope." Had he contemplated be-coming the first man since

Dream target has Venables quick on draw



David Lacey

RTUR JORGE and his clip-on moustache belong to Central Castto be found half-hidden in a doorway just up from the may shal's office, walting to shoot

Wyatt Earp. Jorge is the manager of Switzerland. This week, as he prepared, along with Terry ables, to check out some o venables, to check out some of his country's Dutch oppo-nents in the European Cham-pionship by watching Ajax play Borussia Dortmund in the Champions' Cup, be gave the usual foreigners' view that English teams should stick to what they know best. England beat Switzerland 3-1 at Wembley last Novem ber. "When they played fine old English football they played very well," quoth Jorge, "but when they tried to play the ball around Euroean-style they were not very difficult to contain." It would appear, then, that in trying to attain the standards of technique and intelli gent team play which Ajax produced in Dortmund Engand are wasting their time Much better, surely, to rely on those timeless virtues of speed, power, stamina and the will to win. The reality, of course, is that these qualities alone never won anything. Venables would make a good Doc Holliday, even without the cough. His knowledge of dentisiry may be sketchy but in a football argument few are quicker on the draw.

"I think this [the Ajax way] is the way forward and we can do it," he added. "It's not just about experience. Ajax are putting 18-year-olds in there and playing the best football in the world. And it's not only about developing good habits in young Dutch footballers from seven upwards. Litmanen, George and Kanu [a Finn and two Nigerians] have only been there two years." Venables believes that any-thing is possible provided in-

telligent coaching finds an intelligent response. And since he won the Spanish title for Barcelona with Steve Archibald, his predecessor having failed with Diego Maradona, he can speak from experience

> ST how many English teams, with the obvious exception of Liver-

pool over the years, conform to Venables's description of the way Ajax play? "The same things ap-pear all the time," he said. "It's like a recurring dream.

"When they win the ball they all go off to their posi-tions. The back three keep the ball until everybody's ready, then they'll go. It looks slow but the ball is the pace.

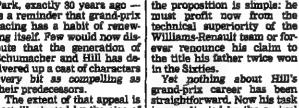
"They draw you in, then they hit you. If you play two up against them you'll never win. They'll always be coming back at you. Their wingers do the job of full-backs. And they can only do all this because they're intelligent people." Should Venables manage

his summer to convine Southgate he is another Blind or persuade Wise he is, in realty, a dormant Davids, then the next Government should consider appointing the retir-ing England coach Secretary of State for Education. There is, however, still far to go. In Monday's match against Manchester United, Newcastle produced an inspired cameo from the Colom-bian Faustino Asprilla but the

TEINE BUNT

Hill, John Surtees, Niki If Schumacher should fail, Lauda and Alan Jones - not to mention Stirling Moss, who won the last Australian Grand Prix held in Albert Park, exactly 30 years ago is a reminder that grand-prix racing has a habit of renew-ing itself. Few would now dispute that the generation of Schumacher and Hill has delivered up a cast of characters every bit as compelling as their predecessors

best illustrated by the size of is complicated by the arrival Schumscher's retainer this in his own team of Ville-



Founders.

Worth going the

extra mile for.

ness, are concerned to the heir presumptive to his title is Hill, runner-up in the strengthen their proprietory hold on such a valuable asset. It is not necessary to read very deeply between the lines to see in this an attempt to championship for the last two seasons. For the Englishman the proposition is simple: he pre-empt the threat of increasthe ing participation by Mark Mc-Cormack's International Management Group, which represents David Coulthard and Johnny Herbert and handlas some of Schumacher's business affairs.

Among the documents is an aggressive letter from the Grand Prix Drivers' Associa-

tion to Mosley, accompanied by a draft of that letter faxed

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Yesterday Schumacher was clearly angry with Mosley's decision to let the world see the GPDA office from to the GPDA office from IMG's headquarters some days earlier — on the face of correspondence on what he considered to be confidential matters. "They were sup-posed to be private letters," he said. "But Max does that it a clear indication of McCor-mack's prompting behind the Mosley's exchanges with Schumacher over the ques-tion of individual insurance sort of thing. I'm surprised that he needs it, frankly. There is also the threat of cover for the drivers show the president adopting a dismisdisruption to tomorrow's race sive tone that stops only just short of insolence. "Please do by Save Albert Park, an ad hoc group of environmental not waste any more of my time with this question" is activists already responsible for demonstrations in protest how he concludes a letter sent against the cutting down of

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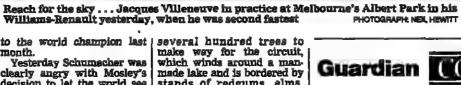
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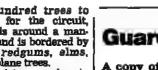
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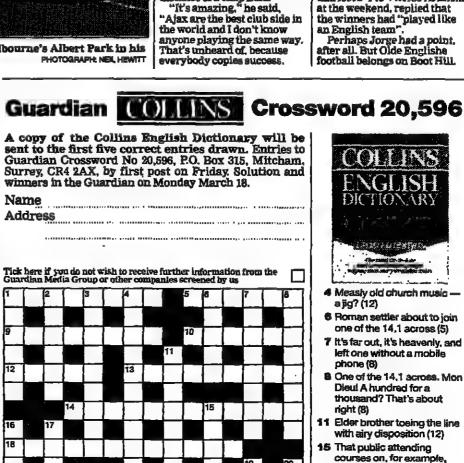
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lives by interfering with the race itself. Nevertheless wild Name rumours persist of thousands of rabbits being let loose on the track or a skydiver land ing on the finishing straight. The track itself has been the subject of criticism from drivers who feel that some of the faster bends lack ade-quate run-off areas, although they all recognised its partic ular character. Gerhard Berger, the drivers' representative on track safety, de-scribed it as "somewhere between a street circuit and a permanent track. It's quick and demanding, with some long straights and a variety of fast and slow corners". Schumacher, Hill and Herbert were others who praised the challenge it offers. "It's a fun place." said Ville-neuve. "Fun" is not a word that often spills from the lips of grand-prix drivers. To most of them earning £16 million a year is a deeply serious busi-ness. And it is hard to depy a growing conviction that the rookie's refusal to be even slightly overawed by his new surroundings may be an in-fluential factor when the field leaves the grid tomorrow. Set by Bunthome Alan Henry, page 9



18 The slide from lucidity (12)

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and sometimes violent tone of many of the calls I received from your peace-loving, vegetarian and nuclear-free readers? If they fight the way they talk, then the Royal Marines have need of them. Letter from Peter Hitchens

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Catholic elite . . . some of Ampleforth's pupils walk across part of the college's ample green acres; and (below) reflecting beneath the light of a stained-glass window

Ampleforth is again at the centre of controversy. MAGGIE O'KANE and **MADELEINE BUNTING report on the troubles at the Catholic Eton**

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Rupert Everett (below right), Piers Paul Read

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OTDOHAPHS: MICHAEL STEEL

forth. He believes that it would be unnatural to bring teenag boys and girls together in the

bells and scandals

ATHER BENJAMIN O'Sullivan chose a ace called Monks Wood to die. He suflocated himself with a black plastic binliner among the new snow drops and old oaks. Nearby

were the graves of the Benedictine monks who have been edu-cating the sons of Britain's Catholic elite for almost 200 years. On the hill above him, the boys and masters of St Thomas à Becket's House of Ampleforth College were cele-brating the saint's birthday. Father Benjamin was found last Saturday. By Wednesday, the Abbot of Ampleforth, Britain's Catholic

Eton, had written to the parents of all the pupils in the school adjoining the monas-tery, telling them how the 34year-old monk had apparently taken his own life in what "must have been a moment of great distress". The letter ended defensively, reminding the parents that the monastery was distinct from the school and that despite the "efforts of our advisers, some press stories which have been printed are simply unirue." Father Benjamin's suicide note will, it is hoped, provide

some clues as to why the young monk, who had been told just . hours before his suicide that he was on course for a first-class degree in his music studies, should have taken his own life. | ece of a 14 year-old boy from a | the school has moved steadily

Yesterday Father Leo Cham-berlain, Ampleforth's head-master, upset and weary of having to deal with the tragedy, sat by the fire in his study overlooking the valley where the school's cricket and rugby pitches seem to stretch for miles on the North Yorkshire moors. "There's been all sorts of attempts in the papers to link this suicide with another case of sex abuse that we've had, but there is absolutely no connection. The newspapers are speculating and we seem to attract that kind of attention. Maybe it is because people see us as strange monks in a far off Cafb-

olic school in the middle of no-where, but anything that happens hare seems to be picked up by the newspapers and gets columns and columns." Columns and columns of bad publicity is the last thing an exclusive £12,000-a-year boys boarding school with falling numbers needs. Ampleforth was last in the headlines in 1994, when four boys were suspended on suspicions that they had cannabis, and the headmaster called in the police. Before that, there was the French kitchen maid

who became pregnant, leading to three boys being sent home to take their A levels. A former chief accountant at Ampleforth College was recently jalled for two-and-a half years after he admitted taking indecent vid-

nearby town. The 55-year-old man had worked at the school for 29 years. The most damaging scandals that hit Ampleforth — a Catho-lic enclave in one of the most in the valley on the edge of the North Yorkshire moors, 30 miles from the nearest town, are nearly 600 boys and some 100 monks. The only women are a handful of teachers, matrons and domestic staff; some of the maids come from a local home for people with learning diffi-

culties. Women just didn't register at the school except in the fevered imaginations of 600 masturbating boys, recalls an an old boy. The result is the widespread, low-level homosen uality, common to any boys' rubbic school public school. "There was always the joke that if you were caught in bed with a boy, you got ticked off, if you were in bed with a woman, you were expelled. I left think-ing women were either madon-nas or whores. The place was

the Virgin Mary," he adds. The scandals first became public in 1963 when police investigated alleged use of halm-cinogenic drugs, which led to a student "freaking out" at mass when he "saw" the boy beside him turning slowly into a lion.

full of porn mags and statues of

Since then there have been long periods of calm in which

up the league tables. Father Chamberlain has been head master since 1992 and since then the academic results have been improving steadily -54 per cent of students now reach A or B grades in A levels. Father Chamberlain points to

prominent Amplefordians such as Lord Nolan, Andrew Knight and Christopher Tugendbat UCY WARRACK has

taught at the school for 16 years and is convinced that Ampleforth will be aved by its very Catholic ethos. "I think things have turned a corner in society There are parents out there

who still want to give their children a particularly Catholic education."

Father Benjamin's suicide eight days ago had nothing, Lucy Warrack believes, to do with the school. "I don't go for any of this thinking that it was because he was living in an iso-

falling numbers.

This is a very warm place. For some boys who come to school here it can be the most secure time in their lives. They come back to be married by the monks, to have their children monks, to have their children baptised by the monks. The ex-perience stays with many of them all their lives. I think the suicide was just like if someone in a family flips. There was no obvious explanation for it." Despite Lacy Warrack's opti-mism, the falling numbers at the senior school speak for themsalves. Since the early themselves. Since the early seventies the number of Catho-lic independent schools in Britatn has halved from 385 to 199 and last year two Benedictine boarding schools closed due to The nineties rebellion against the muscular, macho,

ated monastic environment.

Catholic ethos, too, is growing and Ampleforth's once comput sory cadet training has been disbanded. "You had to say there was something a bit off about Catholic boys being or-

Church and Politics: Christopher Tugendhat, Lord Nolan, Cardinal Hume (above right), Bishop of Hexham and Newcastle Ambrose Griffiths, Christopher Heath Others: James Gilbey, Phillip Lawrence dered to run round killing each other every Thursday after-noon with air guns," says one ald boy. Founded early in the 19th century, the college has played a vital part in the increasingly comfortable accommodation of Catholicism in Britain in the

20th century. The visit of the Queen to Westminister Cathedral last year was a powerful symbol of how far Catholics have come from the days when they were viewed as danger-ously foreign and unpatrictic. Much of the credit for that can be laid at the door of Cardinal Hume, the Amplefordian par excellence. Hume and others like him fitted in very oursy has him intern in very will with the establishment be-cause Ampleforth made them part of it. "His predecessor was Cardinal Heenan from liftord, whose inther was a fruit seller from inclend and he didn't go down mail at all " each Beter down well at all," says Peter Stanford, a former editor of the Catholic Herald and author of a biography of Cardinal Hume. For generations Ampleforth has been able to rely on the loyalty of old boys to send their rogany there. In recent de-cades that loyalty has worn thin and the college has had to find new markets, turning to the Far East, particularly Hong Kong and Australia, to boost numbers, and has been forced to relax its entrance requireents. But the beauty and iso-

lation of its location may be its

downfall as trends change.

Today families don't want to banish their children to an in-

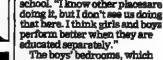
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stitution accessible only at showy parents days every eight weeks. The BBC's Edward Stourton went to the school and says he loved his time there. But he is sending his son to Eton: "I can pop down the M4 in 40 minutes and see him play rugby instead of driving north for four hours," he says. Although for some, that izo-lation may be the school's at-

traction. As one lay teacher says: "The monks have dedi-cated their lives to the boys and they are giving them something they are not getting at home. Some parents have sent their sons here because they want to be rid of them."

N 1990 the school bad more than 500 pupils; now the numbers have fallen to 535. The decline of Catholicism in Britain means that parents who still want to send their children to boarding school are less concerned about going Catholic. Eton now has more than 100 students who are RCs. Ampleforth is, however, convinced of its unique worth. Once parents have made the decision to send their sons there, they have obviously answered the other nagging questions about their children's education — questions about its elitism, its remoteness and a way of life that is almost totally without the pres-

ence of women. In the headmas-



overlook the valley, are plastered with posters of Baywatch girls with just enough clothes on to be acceptable to matron. There's a sense of security about the school's 10 houses. Everyone knows everyone else and they follow their fathers and brothers through the same houses. They don't like to call themselves "elite" but they know that they are. They acknowledge that they, with a ratio of one teacher to 9.4 boys, are getting a unique chance. In each house of about 50 boys there are five tutors specially assigned to help them prepare for exams. All are supervised by a monk who says mass be-fore lunch and offers sherry to VINTICAT

The College's tactics have been almost those of an entryist organisation; infiltrating the elite with Catholics who can protect and promote the inter-ests of the Mother Church but always demonstrating that dis-tinctive — and quintessentially English — brand of Catholi-cism which Ampleforth has pioneered. The faith is discreet, and tactful, but this masks a contempt for the "dog's dinper" of Anglicanism as one Amplefordian put it, and a Superiority. As the author and Amplefordian, Piers Paul Read was told, they were members of an exclusive elite — mambers of a public school and Catholics.

As long as there are teenage boys with money and hor-mones, there will undoubtedly be more "drugs and sex scan-dals" at Ampleforth. A suicide may not happen again for an-other 200 years, but for now the college continues to gently de-cline in numbers with no plans to change, confident that its own unique brand of Catholicism will win through.



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Mr Clarke eyes up polling day

ENNETH CLARKE should carry on cutting. Yesterday's reduction in interest rates was the third in four months and ought not to be the last. Even the Bank of England, until recently hawkish in its determination to keep interest rates up, is beginning to get the message. Something very interesting may be happening to this and other economies. There is at least a 50 per cent chance that the Western world has shaken off the inflationary scourge though not the attendant unemployment - that has afflicted it since the oil-induced commodity explosion of the 1970s. But this is a journey without maps. Regular reductions in interest rates are a good test to see whether the economy can be stimulated without rekindling inflation.

Mr Clarke, of course, has a double agenda. He desires higher economic growth but he desires even more to win the next election. Yesterday's Gallup poll in the Daily Telegraph - showing that Labour has increased its lead to 34.5 points underlines the task ahead. Every Conservative gain (as during the Harriet

Harman affair) seems to be followed by a retreat as Labour regains its lost territory. In these circumstances the Chancellor would be less than human if he didn't spend most of his waking life planning a pre-electoral boom. Remember that in every recent general election living standards (as measured by real incomes after allowing for tax changes and inflation) suddenly increased quite sharply in the quarter in which the election was held only to subside in the quarter following. Funny that.

This time it won't be quite so easy to fine-tune the feelgood factor. This is partly because - as a result of Mr Clarke's commendable initiative - the Governor of the Bank of England is able to call "foul" in public if the Chancellor starts gambling with the economy for political reasons. But partly also because there is an unprecedented amount of extra-budgetary reflation already in the pipeline including electricity rebates, multi-billion building society hand-outs and a huge number of capital projects financed by the National Lottery. If you add on to this the (time-lagged) effect of recent interest rate cuts plus the Budget tax cuts and the end of excessive stockbuilding, it would be very surprising if there wasn't some sort of an economic revival later in the year even if world trade doesn't revive.

This scenario still leaves room for more interest cuts for two reasons. First, to get house owners and other borrowers out of intensive care and into the shops and, second, to boost capital investment which has been becalmed for six months. Yesterday's announcement by Ford that

it intends to spend £2.6 billion on its UK operations up to the end of the decade was welcome news. It follows a similar announcement that General Motors is to spend \$1 billion in the UK. Ministers should however be wary of claiming this as a big success for the government's union-bashing and deregulation policies. After all, if General Motors' \$1 billion is a vote of confidence in Tory policies, how come it is spending over six times as much (\$6.3 billion) in expanding its operations in high-wage sclerotic Germany? That doesn't alter the fact that Ken-

neth Clarke has turned out to be a surprisingly good chancellor so far. His tenure has been greatly helped by the expansionary effects of the devaluation forced on his predecessor (and with hardly any inflationary repercussions) but Mr Clarke has handled his inheritance with some aplomb. He has read the symptoms of inflation much more accurately than the Governor of the Bank of England even though he exaggerates the Government's role in the process. The fact is that deflation is a world-wide phenomenon and Britain (on the EU's new adjusted figures) has one of the worst rates in Europe not the best as is sometimes claimed. No matter: inflation is still very low in historical terms. And in today's unusual economic circumstances, every reduction in interest rates reduces the cost of living for borrowers and makes a resurgence of wage claims less likely. There is a reasonable prospect that unemployment, which has been dropping for 29 months will continue to fall at a moderate pace. But it won't fall fast enough to make much impact on the

million or so long-term unemployed. To help them the Government must adopt much more active labour market policies. Fortunately, practical policies to help the hard core of unemployed are available, from Professor Richard Layard's guaranteed jobs scheme to Andrew Britton's tax-financed job creation initiative for the public sector (in which many of the expanding industries like health and education reside). The trouble with these ideas is not just that they cost money (though not all that much, as it happens) but that they will take time to be effective. Kenneth Clarke is not that enlightened. His sights are set no further than the date of the next general election. The long-term unemployed mustn't expect miracles.

Why pigeons are fair game

T WAS certainly a scoop but whether it was in the public interest to raise the alarm is more questionable. Under the splash headline "Coodunnit", the Sun revealed yesterday that a mystery pigeon snatcher had "swiped 4,000 of Trafalgar Square's world-famous birds" to sell them on to restaurants. No doubt there was a noticeable drop in demand for pigeon pie in the swankier West End restaurants yesterday. The public still falls for the rustic image of rural wood pigeons, ignoring the insecticides which

> violence in the country's biggest city. The pattern of the past is reflected, too, in the con tinuing influence of the mili-tary and intelligence establish

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years of military rule, and above all in its desire to achieve equal military status

with India. The chances of competitive nuclear testing by the two countries may not be high but they are real. This inheritance from a military

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The Guardian Saturday March 9 1996

The Sun was unable to identify the capital's pigeon rustler but rounded up various witnesses: a bird seed seller, the square's local council sweeper, and a police constable responsible for patrol-ling the area. All reported seeing the offender luring pigeons into a box filled with seed. They claim the square could be denuded of pigeons within seven months. It could not happen too soon. The anonymous poacher seems far more effective than earlier proposals, which have ranged from compulsory rural repatriation schemes involving removal vans strewn with corn to official culls with narcotic bait under licence.

Feral pigeons are a pest. They have long past their tourist-bonus point, Almost every city has them. And in virtu-ally all they over-breed, cosseted by the warmth, cover and readily available food. The British version originates from the rock dove, which can now only be found in remote places like the Outer Hebrides. They infest buildings, encour-age rats from the seed and bread which they leave unconsumed, and harbour TB and salmonella. They can even be infected with ornithosis. a form of psittacosis which can spread to humans if dust contaminated by their droppings is in-haled. This in turn can lead to depression, lethargy and in exceptional cases, death. So why is the Sun trying to save them? They leave a ton of droppings on Lord Nelson - and do not even have big

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With India and Pakistan poised to undertake competitive nuclear tests, MARTIN WOOLLACOTT argues that liberalisation has failed in a volatile sub-continent rife with corruption and conflict. Illustration by PETER TILL

A long, torrid journey without maps

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Unsuitable behaviour kar. The government's failure to deal with Karachi, where resentment of the ruling party, ethnic frictions, and covert meddling by intelligence organisations have unhappily combined, has led to chronic

Rattling the bars



TISN'T given to many reporters to create a new form of political journal-ism, but that is one of several distinctions belonging to Chris Moncrieff, the semiretired ex-political editor of the Press Association news agency. Almost singlehanded ly, Chrisfatally undermined

- one twin telephoned Mon-crieff to tell him she was sorry for him because he must be a very sad man. But she would have done better to say that criticism of her pape's dress sense was a bit thick, coming from such a source.

For the truth is that Chris Moncrieff is famous for one other thing besides innovative journalism -- namely, for being by far the scruffiest reporter ever to ply his trade in parliament. Such was the tate of his suits that a visiting foreign dignitary who encoun-tered him was once moved to exclaim: "Good God, man, where did you get those trou-sers?" To which this supreme representative of British political journalism replied: "From a trouser shop, of

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DMichael Foot was in Moscow last week, recording a BBC television programme linked to his biography of H G Wells. In passing, he paid a courtesy call on the KGB man whose public repudia tion of the Sunday Times's bizarre ellegation that Foot had been one of their agents insured handsome damages for the former Labour leader While he was away, the fishman called at the Foot residence as usual. Jill Craigie, Michael's wife, told him she didn't need any fish because her husband was in Moscow 'Ah," said the fishman, "visiting the KGB I suppose! 'As a matter of fact. yes." said Jill This week Michael was home, so Mrs Foot ordered some fish. "Did he see the KGB?" asked the fishman. "He did," said Jill. "Well, the next time he's going." said the fish-man, "let me know and I can tip off the Sunday Times. Then you'll win another libel action." Hampstead fishmen are like that.

released by the British from Ah-madnagar Fort in late 1944, he carried with him the manuscript of his book, The Discovery Of India, in which he classed his country as one of the four states, the others being China, Russia, and America, on which the future of the world would depend. Even though independence

brought partition rather than the united India Nehru had wanted, his estimate of the subcontinent's leading role was for a long time accepted by other nations. Whether India or China would win the contest of development, whether Pakistan could find a way back from military rule, and whether Sri Lanka could continue on the democratic path on which it had set out even earlier than India, these were all seen as critical matters. In the seventies, in particular, the issues of democracy and self-determination in the sub continent were of world

importance. A quarter of a century ago this month, a fat general called Yahya Khan ordered a military crackdown in East Paki-stan. Bengali intellectuals, pol iticians and student leaders were bundled out of their homes and shot, in the first of many acts of brutality and stu pidity which led, after Indian intervention, to the Indepen-dence of Bangladesh. That independence opened a volatile period in which democracy all over the sub-continent at first seemed assured, with Sheikh Mujibur Rahman triumphant in Bangladesh, Indira Gandhi

lemocratic heir in Pakistan. In Sri Lanka, at about the same time, it looked as if the political class would be able to produce an acceptable response to the demands of the northern Tamil minority. But the drama was not over.

In all four states, democracy faltered, giving way, again, to military rule in Bang and Pakistan. In India there was the Emergency, an unasant excursion into authoritarian rule, and a shaky return to normality. In Srl Lanks the government three away its chance of reconciling the Tamils, which led in a few years to the terrible war which is still being waged today. Since then both Pakistan and Bangladesh have returned to civilian rule, the memory of the Emergency has faded in India, and Sri Lanka has found a leader ready to discuss realistic peace terms. But the sense

that the sub-continent, having been so central to the world's affairs in the seventies, slipped out of the mainstream toward the end of that decade, remains. The image had been of South Asian societies overcoming difficulties in ways of sharp relevance to the rest of the world. It has been replaced by a picture of societies that, at best, are containing their problems.

The dismaying durability of those problems, whatever the ups and downs of formal dein business". When the legisla-ture becomes a branch of busimocracy, is evident. At this Bangladesh's place in this unhappy panorama is to dem-onstrate the futilty of confron-tational politics. The ruling moment, it is almost as if the four countries are taking part in a pageant in which each plays a role intended to illustrate a particular vice. India is party went to the extent of gripped by a corruption crisis

eral election, which the oppo sition parties boycotted, last month. Daily violence has been the result, with the main opposition party refusing to onsider any compromise over fresh elections. A quarter of the country's textile factories which keep Bangladesh alive economically, are closed. Sheikh Hasina, daughter of Mujib and leader of the Awam League, tries, but so far fails, agues are "not in politics, but to recreate the street politics of 1971 and of 1990, when the last military ruler was brought down. Now she has called a general strike for the days later this month which are the anniversary of the Pakistani blatant vote-rigging in the gencrackdown of 1971. Every

party in Bangladesh feeds un-bealthily on the past. The tendency to regress to a time when the government was an imposed one and opposition was the freedom struggle breaks out everywhere in the sub-continent from time to time. True, governments have inherited some of the authoritarian instincts of their British prodecessors, and opposi-tion's ideas and techniques of mobilisation from the old days But to re-enact the independence drama, staging the an-cient play again and again, is not substantive politics. Pakistan, too, is tied to the past, by its prime minister, Benazir, the daughter of Zulfi-

or have been in power to office. Slogans like Mrs Gandhi's Gan ibi Hatao (End Poverty) and Bhutto's Roti, Kapra Aur Makan (Bread, Clothes, Shelter) were the key to overnment. But, in government, it is sas ter to stick to old connections with the military, the bureacracy and business, leaving social power where it is. Popu-lar discontent then surfaces in communal, caste, and regional form, which in turn provides nents with an occupa Roveum tion and an excuse. The eco nomic liberalisation which all

four countries have now em-braced to some extent, whatever its merits, has the disad-vantage of increasing social inequalities and the pressure that produces such conflicts. At the end of The Discovery O India Nehru wrote: "There is going to be no peace in India or elsewhere except on the basis of freedom." What the sub-con tinent has since shown, as he also preached, is that freedom narrowly defined is not enough. Democracy's rescue, which we so applauded in the seventies and again, but less enthusiastically, in the late eighties, is only a beginning.

of the Westminster lobby syssigence will prevail, nobody tem — the anonymous quote from unidentifiable, and The common thread in the sub-continent, it can be ar-gued, is displacement. Becaus therefore unverifiable, politi-

cal sources. True, his method of doing this wouldn't have seemed remarkable in any other journalistic field. But at Westmin-ster it was regarded as daring to march up to MPs with a pencil and a notebook, de-manding on-the-record comments on the issue of the day. Mind you, like all innovations, it had unforeseen cons uences. Moncrieff's enterise generated a body of renta-quote MPs with big agos or small majorities, some of . whom seemed willing to say virtually anything to get then selves on the PA wire. The reason was that a flattering invitation to say it again on TV or radio often followed the Moncriell m≅ntion.

Competition to get into Chris's vast notebook quickly ame intense. Before long, rival reporters were being hu miliated by headline-hungry MPs, whose only purpose in talking to them was to disover where to find Moncrieff Now the great man is makng news again, this time be ause his wire service obituary of the former Labour cabinet minister Douglas Jay was a touch too personal to be cceptable to his grieving famlly. In particular, the once-fan ous Jay twins took offense at the description of their father as "a shambling figure" whos suits were sometimes alleged to have been bought at Oxfam. According to the Times which, being a paper of record, put the story on its front page

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Cuventry, though Small-

"Cuventry" is an upper-class affectation, like

town of Hunstanton was

visitor. It also used to be

"Cumpton" for Denis

Tony Blair shouldn't be depressed by the electoral defeat of his antipodean guru, Paul Keating. The silver lining is that Mr Keating now has un limited time to teach him how to win elections. He could even fly "home" to advise Mr

DNew Statesman editor Steve Platt, who recently presided over a costly libel case rought by John Major, put his last issue of the paper to bed this week. The paper's current competition offers prizes for the best advice for his still-unnamed successor Platt's own suggestion should win outright: "Of one thing you can be certain --- prime ministers never sue."

may think you're a pob. Yet "HE CASE of the Yorkresort, as one so often does, shire child stricken by to a simple circumlocution Peter Pan has led to a (eg: that place in the middle pate of references to Never f Shropsbire with a bridge Never Land, Never Never land? Never. What Barrie invented, surely, was Newent to) and you may end up verland — a term since pur-loined by Michael Jackson There are similar probfor his ranch in the US. lems with places like Coven Could this term have be try, which some pronounce come entwined with the weed does not, having been brought up to believe that chase? While on this theme, Smallweed would like to salute the Telegraph columnist Boris Johnson, who in a piece this week referred Compton. At 13 or so, Smallweed was warned by elders to the Labour leader's entourage as "Blairocrats": and betters that the Norfoli the first such usage, as far called Hunston by locals. as I can trace, in a British But either that was untrue newspaper. People updator everyone else there was ing dictionaries might like to note, however, that the word "Blairocracy" said that Cirencester was known to its people as Ciswas coined in this column a siter. If you're told that, do whole five days (and 217 TV m it Most locala modes while of crime)

Smallweed get morose.

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T IS OFTEN assumed that people think there is too much crime, that they're frightened of crime, that they nightly pray for less of it. The truth is quite the

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The proof of this can be seen in the daily TV listings Take, for instance, this past Thursday night. Carlton, whose programmes we are privileged to receive in London, kicked off the evening at 8pm with The Bill, in which cops probed a case of arson. After that came a slot in which a woman fell out of a window and a child got hit by a dart, but in this case, disappointingly, the lads and lasses in uniform were mere paramedics. Never mind: normal service resumed balf an bour later. with Thief Takers, in which this week two teenagers graduated from armed robpery to murder, and the police had to baul in swarms of rent boys and under-age prostitutes to help with inquirles. There's always, as you

When denied it, they may rape, arson, pillage etc has to be halted for the boring old news, some of the items in which have nothing to do with murder, rape, arson, etc. No wonder TV moguls want to shunt News At Ten to some slot where it causes less interruption, like 5pm, or 3 in the morning! Still, they do what they can to maintain the flow, with juicy trailers before and after the news for the next enjoyable round of serial killing, garrottings, and other tasty pleasures. This Thursday, for instance, they orgasmically promised two new treats for Friday nights: a serial called The Secret House of Death (you can guess what that is about!) and a brand new crime monthly for which some high-powered whiz-kid has dreamed up the title Crime Month. "Crime fiction ... and then crime

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iess, corruption is inevitable.

New Delhi politician who

noted that most of his col-

After that, we could all ettle down to London Bridge, the new Carlton crime series which this reek featured a stalker an irl found dead in a lake. Unless you were watching Central, which fielded a different kind of Stalker: expolice chief John, with a natty number on crimebusting. Or Meridian, which had also declined London Bridge in favour of a two-hour movie in which, ccording to the listings in the Sun, psychotic Richard Chamberlain woold be men acing homeless children. Bliss' Though it finished ust too late, I'm sorry to say, for viewers to catch the whole of the movie on BBC1 in which, the Daily Star told ns, Steve McHattie would shoot a cop and then hide up with a girlfriend. Of course if you don't like this kind of thing you can

Channel 4. Take tonight, for instance: they're starting a brand new seven-week series of late night programmes called Blue Light Zone. But wait a sec: didn't Blue Light have something to do with Dock Green and George Dixon? Indeed it did: and Blue Light Zone, which will run from 10.35 till 3 in the morning, when it yields the screen to The Girlie Show, is described in the TV Times as "an exploration of police culture and procedure". About time, many viewers may think. that someone got round to that badly neglected subject. Anyone who tunes in to the whole of this diet (and

most other nights aren't much better) must by defin tion be sick. If not sick when it started, then certainly sick by now. But the

roundings, for instance, of | they ought to be sent away for a long recuperation, are the people who schedule these things.

> OW THAT Shropshire bas erupted (a public-Vity stunt, Smallweed initially feared, for the Housman celebrations: but apparently not) could we reach some agreement on how to say the word Shrew bury? BBC newsreaders said that the tremors occurred close to Shrowsbury, with the Shrew pro nounced as in "show." But a local police spokesman. who'd been shaken up himself, said it happened near Shrewsbury, pronouncing Shrew as in Taming of. Smallweed always tries to avoid speaking the name at all when in that locality. for fear of aligning himself with the wrong sort of people. Say "Shroo" and

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Cherie becomes a prime target

life too.



Martin Kettle

E IN NO DOUBT that they are out to get Cherie Booth. The Daily Express is merely the most heavy-booted hunter of Tony Blair's wife, But there are others in the pack, and they scent a kill. From now until the election

the Cherie chase is on. Politi-cal wives, husbands and partners have had an easy time of it in this country — until now Prime ministerial partners, unlike American presidents' wives, are shadowy figures to the public and have been permitted to remain so. In spite of her long affair with Bob

Boothby, Dorothy Macmillan was never in the papers. Mary Wilson wrote her poetry, but kept herself in the back ground. Audrey Callaghan was allowed to get on with her Even Denis Thatcher, though obviously a highly newsworthy novelty, main tained the discreet tradition. As the forthcoming biography of him by his daughter Carol These conventions will be blown apart if Tony Blair beaims to show, Denis played a

blinder for 11 years at Number 10. He never caused con-L So must Booth. roversy. never became an te, never embarrassed the PM in any way. He was content to let the satirists create an image for him while he got on with his successful busi-DESS CRICEL. The present occupant of Downing Street embodies the whole tradition. Norma Major is an interesting and entertaining woman, but she stays out of sight, unprofiled, unin-terviewed and ungossiped about. The general public is almost entirely unaware of her existence, and the anoaymity of her children is even more scrupulously guarded and respected.

The Guardian Sullinday March 9 1996 State of the state of a state of the state of the state of the state of the

of our public culture. Our culture lays siege to private life, particularly the private lives of public people. It is one of the worst downsides of being a society without respect. Why is this culture out to get Booth now? There are many reasons. Partly it is po-litical desperation. In spite of the government's best efforts Labour is still — see ye day's 34.5 per cent poll lead -way ahead of the Tories. The Conservatives find it hard to land a serious punch on Blair himself, so they simply take a

she makes a very deliberate decision to avoid it, Cherie Booth will become an important public figure too, whether she likes it or not. Sh is already on the way to becoming part of the electoral battlefield. Whether by accident or design Britain is enter ing the era of First Lady poli-tics. We had better get used to The "they" who are out to get her are an amorphous bunch. The Tories, of course. The Tory press, of course. But she is also just another victim

omes prime minister. Unless

leaf from the bully's book. They go for his family instead. The kids. The wife. All targets. Partly it is because our poli-ics are ever more presidential This election is not just abour versus the Tories but Blair versus Major. You could even say that this one is Blair versus the Tories, so centred upon the leader has Labour now become. In any party where power resides at the centre, those closest to him become crucial too. And no one is closer to him than Booth, not ven Peter Mandelson. But desperation and presidentialism, although both highly important, are not the whole story. Booth is a target because Labour is a target. A predominantly pro-Conserva tive press will mevitably hunt Labour (and Liberal Democrat) people more assiduously than than they will hunt Tories. They never harass Tories about their choice of chools for their children. They don't publicise details of Tory politicians' summer sor or her successor, managed holiday plans, they way the Daily Mail did to one shadow to avoid it more successfully in her brief period as leader's cabinet minister this week. wife. That suggests that there

They don't try to turn Tory wives into harridan hate figures. These things are eserved for Labour. This is partly because abour is the enemy. But Labour also contributes to the situation it otherwise deplores by promoting its leaders' wives. I stand to be corrected on this, but I think it was Neil and Glenys Kinnock who began the happy couple cur-tain call tradition which has now become de rigueur after the party leader's big confer-ence speech. The Kinnocks were and are a highly political and photogenic couple. It seemed very natural to give Glenys a share of the limelight. But it was a turning point. They set a pattern which may have outlived its usefulness, and may even be counter-productive Glenys Kinnock came in for a lot of the same aggro that Booth is now facing. Elizabeth Smith, a no less formidable figure than either her predeces

are better and worse ways of managing these things — not merely the conference speech but the whole art of heing a political partner. My feeling i hat Smith had it worked out rather better than the more ambivalent Kinnock and

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Booth But another reason why they are out to get Booth is simply because she is a successful woman. A lot of men and some women, including some successful ones) self-evi-dently cannot handle this. She is a QC. She earns a lot of money. She is married to a man who may be prime mints ter. She is untouched by scandal. She has the world at her feet. And they hate her for it. It is no accident, as the Trotskyists used to say, that Labour women have a hard time from the press about their private lives. They get it for being Labour and they get it for being women. If they are even slightly affluent or middle-class they get it for that too. There is absolutely no doubt that there are double-standards. No Tory woman faces the same pres

sures. No man of any party

loes either. The saga of Hillary Rodham linton should haunt Cherre oth. Whatever you may think about the Clintons, it is clear that the hounding of Hillary is about something more than disppointment at the Clinton presidency For reasons which lie in the emotions as much as the mind, American culture seems to seek some form of collective revenge on her. It is not just Republicans who are at work here, though they obviously benefit from it. It is some sort of national Schadenfreude about successful women. The British version of the

anger which targeted Hillary Clinton now also has Cherie Booth in its sights. It is profoundly unattractive. As far as I know --- and I know a little -- Booth is what she seems, an intelligent, successful, pro-gressive, independent and un-elected political woman. It is a depressing thought that the only role that such a personcan safely play in our culture seems to be to stay at home and look after her kids.

What happens when people are freed after wrongful conviction? QUENTIN VAN MARLE meets a man and a woman who have found freedom more

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Free again 📫 Emma Rumphries with supporters



life sentence on the outside

sweating and shaking. Conviction for minder that one didn't commit will easily bring it on. It's a disorder that

voman, thrust a kitchen knife into Armitage's stomach, then fied on to the street — hailing a passing motorist who took

her to a police station.

gerbils for company. Most of I from the public purse, no apol the time, she withdraws inside ogy is offered. The common denominator her room, reading books, lis-tening to music and writing postry (the Daily Express has published her work). and Eddie Browning isn't just the stigma of a murder charge. That Humphries is also a victim of post-traumatic stress It lies somewhere in the after-effects. "Before I can do anyis beyond question. "I feel that thing else, I need my life back," says Browning. That won't happen. Things cannot there are eyes everywhere, staring at me," she says. be now as they were before June 1988 any more than they "When I came out, I was on 28 tranquillisers a day. Now I'm on nothing, but I haven't any clear direction in life, none at can be for Emma Humphries since 1985. The difference is all." Is she ever tempted to go back on the game? She nods, "Yes, sometimes. It could hapthat she has become anony mous and introverted while he goes for the high profile, absolutely incensed about the injustice of his long ordeal. pen yet." To date she has had one meeting with a psychia-The Home Office took eight months before paying com-pensation roughly equal to a yearly paypacket of £12,500 for trist, but in common with Ed-die Browning and others, it was for compensation DUPDOSES. the time he spent in jail. "No amount of money can make up Julie Bindell, a founder member of Justice For Women, says: "At the very or what was done to me and my family," he says angrily. "I'd love to get my hands on the bastard who killed Marie Wilks, I really would. He didn't only take her life — he trock many case mil." least, Humphries's solicitors should have argued her case on the grounds of diminished responsibility. She deserves to be repaid for all the stress she's had.' took mine as well." Last Wednesday Browning By and large, the Home Office prefers to award depart-ing prisoners, innocent or not. Was given three months' im-prisonment for driving while banned, which he hotly con-tests. A strongly-worded letter a maximum cash payment of £95 on the day of release, then wash its hands of them. No professional counselling is offrom Dr Hunter urging a non-custodial sentence was of no fered, no advice is given, and avail. Hunter asserts that anno responsibility acknowl-edged for the tough times other jail term on top of the post-traumatic stress could be which almost certainly lie enough to send Browning. who is talking of suicide, over ahead In the case of wrongful imthe edge. Browning was released on bail pending apprisonment, although financial compensation is available peal later this month.

HEN Eddie Browning left for work one summer evening a few.years ago, he was reckoning on getting home sometime in the early hours. He had no way of know-ing that he wouldn't be seeing home again for six years. Browning made £35 a night as a nightclub doorman and doubled as a bouncer when necessary. Trouble was nothing new to the former Welsh Guardsman, But murder was. It was Saturday, June 25, 1968 — one week after 22-year-old Marie Wilks, a sevenmonths pregnant Worcester housewife, had been abducted from an emergency callbox on the hard shoulder of the M50. Police discovered her body 48 hours later down a deep hol-low two miles further up the motorway. She had been stabbed in the throat. It was a brutal killing and

one that so disgusted the nation that the West Mercla

CID was under pressure to make an early arrest. Within

days, the trail led them to Ed-die Browning. Various wit-ness statements and Brown-ing's own movements that weekend fitted like a plug into a socket. Better still, the sus-pect had a criminal record including actual bodily harm. Browning was taken in for

questioning and held for sev-eral days. Despite an absence of forensic evidence, plus eyewitness clearance at an iden-tity parade, he was charged with the murder of Marie Wilks and held on remand for 10 months. After a six-week trial at Shrewsbury Crown Court, Browning was given a life sentence, with 25 years minimum recommended by the judge. Thus, it seemed, justice had

been seen to be done and the nation could breathe a sigh of relief. However, unbeknown at the time to all but a few police insiders, the West Mercia CID had withheld crucial items of evidence from the court — and thereby succeeded in jailing someone who, it is now accepted, was

years after conviction, con-cealed evidence surfaced and the Court of Appeal released Browning in May 1994. Browning, now 43, is an affable, powerfully built man with striking blond hair and penetrating blue eyes. Relent-less efforts by Julie, his wife of 15 years, to clear her husband's name during his six years of incarceration does not preclude their relation ship from continuing problems. Almost two years after walking free from the appeal court, Browning remains unemployed (some say unem-ployable). He harbours a conwho point fingers in the street and in noisy Rhondda pubs. In particular, he holds a power-ful grudge against the police, convinced that they're out for another go at him. The situa-

innocent of this nasty but well-publicised crime. Four

tion is perhaps not helped by his reputation around those tribal, close-knit valleys as a massive anxiety attacks, prood swings, nightmares, tough nut not to be messed with.

How do individuals like Browning, convicted by law and then exonerated by law, remove the seemingly-indeli-ble stigma of murder and the lingering suspicions which await them outside prison

walls? Browning is not alone in his affliction from a condition known as post-traumatic stress disorder — a recognis indisposition registered in the International Classification Of Diseases, and now becom-ing widely accepted in the medical profession as an inev-itable side effect of wrongful imprisonment. Dr Chris Hunter, a forenaic psychiatrist and director of

Caswell Clinic at Bridgend, South Wales, is sympathetic. He describes post-traumatic stress as a "disorder that usually afflicts its victims within six months of what are per-ceived as potentially cata-strophic events. This results in sudden intrusions into the brain, flashbacks, obsessions,

won't necessarily go away when a prisoner is released; that's when it can really begin." In 1965, following a four-day trial at Nottingham crown court, 17-year-old Emma Humphries was convicted of first-degree murder: she stabled Trevor Armitage, 33, her live in lover. Throughout an 11-month remand period and during the trial, when she was unable to take the witness ctand Humphrise densities. stand, Humphries described berself as a "walking corpse amid a complete nervous breakdown". LTHOUGH Armitage held down a job as a double-glazing as a double he was an salesman, he was an established drug

dealer and Emma Humphries's pimp. After an awful childhood, Humphries got involved with drink, drugs and street prostitution (between the ages of 11-16 she was in 11 homes for problem children). Precarious and frequently violent as the relationship with Armitage was, it nonetheless offered a roof and, paradoxically, for a while at least, more security than she'd ever known. The killing occurred one evening when Armitage brought home a group of drunken mates expecting an on-the-house gang bang. Humphries, a slightly-built

That was the beginning of a prison term at Her Majesty's pleasure — effectively a life sentence. As she had drawn the short straw during most of her life, prison probably seemed little more than a natural progression. It took Humphries more than seven years to seek outside help. which she eventually did by making contact with Justice For Women, a feminist pressure group set up to help cases such as hers. Despite an unofficial offer of parole, Humphries and Juatice for Women decided to fight for an acquittal on the grounds of cumulative provocation. The battle took a further two-and-a-half years. After 10 years in prison, Humphries was released from Holloway in July last year. And her case altered the law, insofar as the courts now accept proven cu-mulative provocation as a defence for justifiable homicide. The teenage killer of years past is now an intelligent 27-year-old with vivid memories of that awful night, which she speaks about as if it happened 10 minutes ago. Of Armitage she says: "He died before he could do anything else to ma. In the eight months she's been out, her self-confidence has taken a tumble. She lives in a women's hostel in north London with one cat and nine

MICHAEL WHITE sifts the Smooth from the Hairy candidates among the up-and-coming Tory generation

Seat-seeking missiles

post-debate reception in the Oxford Union, thrusting young Tory wannabees hover respectfully around Peter Lilley, who has topped the evening's bill. In the corner the lads from Ruskin, the trade union college. prefer to get stuck into the xxoze. Even at university, the div-

iding line between the Smooth and Hairy political tribes is apparent, Labour Clubs at Oxbridge — or anywhere else — are packed with scruffles who dress and talk like, well, like students. Power dressing. New Labour-style, comes later — if at all.

Their Tory counterparts. terrifyingly self-assured many of them, look like em-

TTHURSDAY night's | bryo MPs. already polishing their dispatch box manner in the Union. But has anything really changed since Messrs, Gummer and Howard, Clarke and Lamont, Leon Brittan and Norman Fowler did the same at Oxbridge in the early sixties? There is a thesis which says that, after a decade in which Margaret Thatcher's apparatchiks at Conservative

works are back.

money bit and reassure selec-

dard this week ran a Bright Young Things feature to that officer. The evidence? Well, there's David Cameron, 29 and head of corporate affairs for Michael en's Carlton Communications. After Eton and an Oxford first in PPE, he ran the political section in the Con-servative Research Depart-ment (CRD) Cameron was in the thick of the '92 campaign, worked for Norman Lamont

tion conferences that we're not gay. Bingo! An MP by 30! The London Evening Stan-

at the Treasury and was rescued by Michael Howard when Ken Clarke dropped

Currently on holiday in the West Indies, Cameron is engaged to Lord Astor's step-daughter, Samantha Sheffield Central Office consciously tried to broaden the social mix - the "arrivistes and gara-gistes" as Julian Critchley dis-("an heiress"). He is also

adopted Tory candidate for Stafford, (Con maj 7,235). It dainfully put it --- the old netwould take a 6.7 per cent swing to get him out. "He will rap-idly become a PPS." trills the Eton or Charterhouse, a smart Oxbridge college, a job at a bank or a stint at Central Standard. Office, marriage to a peer's well-heeled niece to solve the

But Cameron is the exception — clever and lucky. Of the John Vaizey (a Wilson "laven-22 Tory candidates under 30, der list" peer) and critic Ma-

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David Cameron . . . the exception — clever and hacky

mong the 340 so far adopted. the rest don't have a prayer. They are simply winning their diamond spurs in hope-less, horny-handed seats.

Thus genial Telegraph col-umnist, Boris "the Jackal" Johnson, 32, Etonian son of a distinguished Eurocrat, will need a 10 per cent swing to take Clwyd South. Edward Vaizey (aged 27, Oxford, CRD and the Bar) is the son the late

Lizzie Noel... faces Tony Blair in Sedgefield rina Vaizey. He is only slightly better placed in Bris-tol East.

As for his ex-girlfriend, Liz-zie Noel (28) — "thinks she's born to be prime minister" snaps a Tory contemporary she faces Tony Blair in Sedgefield (Lab maj 34.2 per cent). Being a one-time prison psychologist may help, living in Belgrave Square may not. That CV is not typical, either.

Boris Johnson . . . needs a 10 per cent swing to win-

clude the usual swathe of barristers, political advisers and City slickers. But not all are under 30, on the metropolitan fringes of the upper classes, got pissed at exclusive Oxford drinking clubs or lost the presidency of the Union or the Conservative Association by one purloined vote. Like Tony Blair, Cameron rarely went near the Oxford Union. Nor are they automatically rightwing Hooray Henrys. Talk among seat-seeking conventional wisdom suggests. After the bewildering

Major years, selection panels obsessives and you learn that Christopher Heaton-Harris have no objection to upp middle-class applicants who (Leicester South) runs a fruit and veg wholesale firm, is 28 sound as if they know what's what and are ideologically nimble-footed. It also confirms the all-party trend toward the professional isation of politics: school, university, party functionary, MP. At the Oxford Union on

29, a group financial analysis manager, who is the same age as Mark Francois (Brent East), warily described by some Tories as "rather rightwing".

That distinguishes him from Thurrock's Andrew Rosindell (29) whom a journalist described as "tery rightwing". He is famous for having submitted a photo of himself and his bulldog for his party con-ference pass. Tory HQ cut Rosindell's face out of the photo and sent a pass for the dog. That sounds a bit Hooray Henry, but it isn't. What the trend may really be highlighting is a greater return to pragmatism than

admitted to doing menial labour at Conservative Central Office before a Union de bating tour of the US. But Balliol's Jain Corby, who took on Lilley in debate, offers a different perspective. Equally smooth and confident, he went to a Farnborough comprehensive, before sixth form at Charterbouse and on to Oxford. Yes, he attends monthly Coningsby Club din ners at the Carlton to grease up to ministers and several chums already work for MPs. He works for Barclays, a real job before politics. "Going to work for an MP is a continu-

ation of the games we play here. I do worry about that." Point taken.

and a football referee — "a nice bloke". Pembroke's Rob-ert Buckland, 27 going on 50, say chums, is an old-fashioned Welsh Tory, easily mimicked by colleagues. Chesterfield's Tony Benn Thursday, its energetic past-president, Matt Guy, already will be facing Martin Potter,

16 LETTERS TO THE EDITOR In defence of Cherie picking

OBODY could be in any serious doubt about the purpose of my advertisement seeking details of Cherie Booth's election campaign. I am trying, quite openly, to find out what her views are and then to write about them. It is absurd to imagine that this intelligent and highly-political woman never discusses major issues with her hus-band, and ridiculous to suggest that such a couple do not influence each other's ideas.

So it is a perfectly legitimate exercise to obtain election documents and details of speeches made in public dur-Ing an election campaign. Nor do I need some den of

soin doctors to tell me that this is a good story. The project has been my own idea from the start. Could Patrick Wintour say the same about the inspi-ration for his article (Express outs Cherie Blair in dock. March 8) and its bedwetting.

bysterical tone? As to my membership of the International Socialists in the early 1970s, I am quite happy to talk about it at length to anybody who is interested. I have changed my mind, rather than my image, and therefore have nothing to conceal. Could I say how surprised I

C is still for comprehensive

RUBIN RAMSAY attacks Labour's education policy, claiming that seeking high standards in education is betraying those from working lass backgrounds (Letters, March 8).

My speech to the Social Mar-ket Foundation — to which he and Bob Moon alluded — was about the renewal of the ideals of those who pioneered comprehensive education, as your leader noted last Saturday. It was about how, in too many cases, those ideals have been lost — and examining ways in which the practice in the best comprehensives can be spread to others.

Patronising those who live in deprived urban environments with an expectation of failure will not help my con-

Ship-shape policy on the sea

HE public accepts the seg-regation of the sleeping and living quarters of wrens and sailors at sea (Pride and prejudice in the services, March 5). It recomises the importance of retaining a distance between men and women work-ing in close confines for long periods of time. It understands that fully mixed showers and sleeping areas would seri-

Oxford OX#9BE stituents or those in other working-class areas to escape the poverty trap — as it would not have helped me. High stan-dards of education, good quality teaching and the develop-ment of study centres to put them on an equal footing with those with the well-andowed homes described by Mr Ramsey are vital. But so is an end to the low expectations which assume that nothing can be done to improve the education of working-class children. There is one C word which is anathema to Labour's educa-tion policy: complacency. I no apologies for that. David Blunkett MP. Shadow education spokesman House of Common

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sexual undertones, real or imagined, in the same way that any civilian home is a private place from which to escape the rigours of work. To assign separate living space to gays and lesbians could be a solution, but one which, in view of the small numbers concerned, is sadly impractical It is a pity that the decision

to maintain the ban against

gays and lesbians from the

armed forces has been per-

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Louise-Marie Abrahams.

Sub-Lieutenant, Royal Naval Reserve. Address withheid.

was by the coarse and some times violent tone of many of the calls I received from your peace-loving, vegetarian and nuclear-free readers? If they fight the way they talk, then the Royal Marines have need of them. Peter Hitchens.

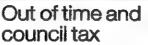
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itself in its own foot if, as you report, it plans to let Peter Hitchens wheel Tony and Cherie Blair's 1979 election manifestos out to damage Labour's electoral changes. The call for the removal of Cruise missiles (in 1983) will find a positive response in today's electorate: according to a Mori poll (September 15-17 1995) 51 per cent of British people believe nuclear weapons are not necessary for our defence.

It's time our leaders woke up to the fact that opposition to nuclear weapons is not a moral positon to be abandoned in the interests of political expediency, but may be a votewinner. Irene Gill. 38 Yarnells Hill,





APPLAUD Radio One's deci-ision (March 8) not to play Status Quo and the Beatles because they are old and boring. Surely it is time to extend this principle to other areas of pub-lic life. I look forward to news papers refusing to print stories about the Tory Party on the grounds that it has been around for ever, and has no attraction for young people. Bron O'Brien. 145a Stoke Newington High Street, London N16.

DiD your royal poil have a section for "Could not give a toes about either of them" or "What relevance do any of the royal family have to the unemaloved or homeless" or were we simply registered as "Don't Inows"? JRGray. 36 Cranleigh Gardens, Bridgwater, Somerset TH6 5JS. HEN, as John Vidal have been unfairly dismisse VV reports (March 7), one of s under £3,000. the opponents of the Newbury bypass shouts to the security limits have not been inguards that the money should reased in line with inflae spent on education, was he talking about the money to build the road or the extra to clear the protesters? D J White. 96 Priory Road, St Denys, Southampton SO17 2JQ.

will fail noted by Chris Woodhead (March 6) is not

confined to schools. In Inner

courses for women out num-

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Sean Goldthorpe. 129 Trumpington Road, London E7 9EG.

HAVE seen Beatrix Camp

bell's article on the Royal

Trust (Faith healers at work

in Irish hospitals, March 5).

Your readers will wish to be aware of the following facts

which the article failed to

The Royal Trust is of criti-cal importance to the health

service in Northern Ireland.

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Out of time and | Labour rights and wrong | How is life a lottery if Carnelot always wins the prize?

HOPE that public outrage at the leak of the Cabinet's consideration of proposals to exclude employees of small firms from employment pro-tection legislation does not start from the same premise as your editorial on the subect (Workers have rights too, March 8) which appears to suggest that present employment rights are accept-able. They are disgracefully inadequate. Present unfair dismissal

law encludes most workers with less than two years' ser vice from making a claim. Indeed, a worker is not even untitled to know the reason for his or her dismissal if dis-missed within two years. Present law has failed to exend protection to the growing army of workers not in standard employment contracts. Average compensation for workers found to

Maximum compensation

missal result in re-engage-ment or reinstatement. Mr Heseltine may have done a service by making his suggestion. In opposing him, we must avoid the danger of defending a status quo which requires workers to abandon most normal democratic rights whilst they are at work

Daniel Vulliamy. Senior Lecturer In Industrial Relations The University of Hull, 49 Salmon Grove, Hull HU67SZ.

AM sorry that he Guardian has opposed the Government's proposal to remove some employment protection legislation from small firms. I have never understood why employers and employees have not been able to contract together without the interference of Parliament.

But the legislation should mainly be judged on its over-all effect. Figures speak

louder than words. Since the original Employment "Pro-

tection" Act was passed 20

years ago, unemployment has doubled. In other Euro-

pean countries such as Ger-

many, where employment

legislation (including minimum wage legislation) is

even stronger than here, un employment is worse. You

recognise this fact in your leader ("British workers are

amongst the least protected in the EU") but draw the

In the US, where in the

tion is now less stringent,

and unemployment rates compare very favourably

with those in Europe. So much for "protection". In the coming global eco-

post-war period unemploy-ment, at about 5 per cent, was worse than in the UK, legisla-

wrong conclusions.

nomic wars, a flexible labour market is one of the keys to winning or losing, in Europe Britain stands alone in work ing towards this goal, and should have the courage to continue.

A D Harris. Managing Director, L G Harris & Co Ltd, Stoke Prior, Bromsgrove, Worcs B60 4AE.

THERE was some interest ing linguistic activity go ing on during the exchanges at Prime Minister's Questions in the Commons on

Thursday afternoon. The employment rights of workers in small businesses, we learn, have now become 'red tape" (such workers obviously being inferior citi-zens because of where they work), and in its deregulatory zeal the Government is removing only "unneces-

always wins the prize?

THE Director-General of the National Lottery, Peter Davis, thinks that the £10 rule change was "a clarification of the contractual rights of play-ers" (Lottery drops guarantee of £10 for three numbers,

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March 7). Yesterday, I bought my regular ticket of one set of numbers for five weeks, understanding that if I correctly forecast thre numbers in a given week, I was guaranteed £10 --- Came lot's explanation of the contractual rights, not mine. I nov understand that they will not honour their promise ("If you have matched any three num-bers from the first six main numbers drawn in any order, you win the Match Three prize This is a fixed prize of £10"). Anybody reasonably numer-ite could see that it is staristi-cally possible, although highly improbable, that Camelot could be required to pay out more than the week's prize fund. Surely the risk they undertake is the same as that of a turf accountant or casino operator? And what is Oflot's role in this? Rob Jones. 14a St Helens Crescent, Hastings, East Susser TN34 2EW,

CURELY the current fuss Sabout our National Lottery is focusing on the wrong end of the prizes available. Whilst it will be galling to have the minimum reduced to less than £10, this is in line with the Football Pools' current rules when there are over eight score draws on the coupon. Changing this maximum payout would have been a bet-ter use of Oflot's time. I'm happy for those who have been made multiple millionaires. but I haven't heard any complaints from big pools winners who have to make do with a mere \$1 or \$2 million. Neville Rogers. 25 Kenilworth Road, Basinestoke.

CAMELOT wants to play Without having the remotest chance of losing. A boycott of their lottery replaced by buying scratch cards for the numerous chart. table organisations that now have to raise funds in this way -- would show them that we do not want to play by their rules. and would hurt them in the only place they care about. Mark Povey. 3 Byde Street Hertford SG14 3AL.

ously affect the morale and efficiency of the ship's

company. For the majority of heterosexuals, however, sharing a mess with homosexuals equates to sharing with the opposite sex, with the likelihood of equally deleterious results. rsonal space on a ship must be an enclave free from

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social services in Northern Ireland. The Royal has been treated no differently to other trusts, including the Belfast

City Hospital Trust, which also serves the needs of both

tion; to have kept pace with inflation since 1972 the limits would need to be increased by a factor of over 3.5 (some of us can see no justification for maximum limits on a week's pay or total compensation for osses anyway). A further obscenity is the **HE expectation that males** reedom of the employer to dismiss with impunity workers whom he has provoked to

take industrial action. Finally, your editorial mis represents the social policy intentions of the law as givber these for men by 15 to one (source: Floodlight 1995-6), Put ing workers the right to seek damages for unfair dispay towards single-sex adult education as council tex, I get missal. In fact, it was intended that unfairly dismissed workers should get their jobs back; it fails so badly that less than 1 per cent of applications for unfair dis-

A minister full of faith

communities. Moreover, the Board of the Royal Trust has accepted my offer of shortterm financial help both this year and next year to enable the trust to bring its income and expenditure into line. The Government in Northern Ireland has willingly adopted the Policy Appraisal and Fair Treatment administrative guidance, which was developed from a UK-wide iniwhole population. It also meets the needs for acute hos-pital services of the local poptiative on equality proofing. As evidence of its openness on the matter, the Government publishes an annual report on its implementation. Of course, a broad range of Belfast — without regard to religious affiliation. It enjoys interest groups, including the Unison trade union, have prayed PAFT in ald of specific grievances, but the guidelines must be applied to com-"make it impossible for the Royal to provide the services plex administrative issues which may not be as black planned for the next year" is and white as some would nonsense. The Royal's income wish. Finally, there is no greater

in the current financial year is around £120 million. This evidence of the Government's support for the Royal Trust and the people of North and West Belfast than its commitfigure reflects the outcome of my management executive's arbitration on a contract dispute between the Royal Trust ment to a major rebuild of the and its principal purchaser, the Eastern Board. Royal Victoria Hospital, announced in June 1995. An in-That arbitration was based vestment of £65 million deon contract guidelines which serves, at least, applied across the health and acknowledgement.

Malcolm Moss. Minister for Health and Social Services, Dundonald House Upper Newtonards Road, Belfast BT43SF.

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CHRIS Patten's eagerness to learn from Asia is to be welcomed but it was not just Tory right-wingers who were left "choking on their cornflakes" by his interview (Still the governor, March 8). Pointing to the lower tax and public expenditure rates in Hong Kong and elsewhere,

he argues that this strategy would also bring higher employment in Britain and Eurone, Readers should be cautious about this crude causal relationshin. "Tiger economies" like

Singapore, Taiwan and Hong Kong itself are city states where lower levels of public expenditure are plausible. Others, like South Korea. have achieved high growth rates only at vast social expense and a level of union bashing that even Mr Hesel tine would balk at. And no mention is made of the pro-tectionist strategies that nur tured fledgling Asian industries in their formative years

 all of which are now unaceptable in Europe. The governor would do well to look again at the les-sons Europe should learn from Asia. Anyone who has lived and worked at the grassroots level there must wonder how Britain could develop the same community spirit and social responsibility. The degree of local organisation in many com-

munities is a key factor in

sary" bureacracy. Who is it, however, who is defining unnecessary"?

Peter Bolton. 60 Collier Road, Hastings, Bast Sussex TN34 3JS.

OUR Government consis-tently rejects economic and social initiatives emanating from Europe, often claiming that Britain must retain its independence, whilst also implying that we have nothing to learn from foreigners. How odd there-fore, that so many senior Conservatives want Britain slavishly to follow the tiger economies of South-east Asia. Or does sovereignty no matter when there is a chance of further cutting the wages and welfare of British people? Pete Durey.

22 Rivers Street, Bath BA2 4EA.

Unhappy Patten for the future

successful, people-centred responses to poverty elimination.

Poverty has grown in Britain since Mr Patten's depar-ture. Working partnerships between state and communi ties in support of local initiatives are a valuable tool to reverse this trend. But to develop them we must spend public money and learn social technologies from elsewhere,

Dan Rees Finsbury Park. London.

HAVE just read Hugo Young's article (Signs point right for a new Tory guvnor, March 7). I've often confused the Tory Pattens. Which one was it who told those porkies about the cost of Labour tax proposals during the 1992 Mark Leaf. **39 Wearside Drive**

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telephone number, even in emailed letters. We regret we cannot acknowledge receipt of letters. We may edit them: shorter ones are more likely to

Cancer in a foreign field

Richard Colbey (Foreign fields where justice withers. February 24) regarding the case brought by Edward Con-nelly against us. We would like to make the following corrections:

Throat cancer is not "quite a common condition among the [Rössing] mine workers. In fact, the incidence of throat cancer among employees at Rössing is very low. Out of a total workforce of some 7,000 employees since the start-up of the mine in 1976, only three instances of laryngeal cancer have been identified. Statistically, these cases yield an Age Standardised Incident Rate (ASIR) of 0.137 for Rossing compared to an ASIR of 5.750 for South Africa, an ASIR of 5.520 for Scotland, where Mr Connerly has resided since leaving Rössing's employ-

WE read with considerable [ment, and an ASIR of 6.10 for concern the article by the world total statistics. The article also falls to men-tion the well-established link between smoking and laryngeal cancer and that Mr Con-nelly was a smoker. As we have consistently made clear, RTZ remains perfectly prepared to defend any action brought on Mr Connelly's behalf in the proper forum.

namely Namibia. RTZ has always placed the highest priority on employee health and safety. The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) carried out a detailed study at Rössing in 1992 and concluded that the likelihood of radiation-induced occupational illness at Rõssing was extremely low. John G Hughes. Head of Public Affairs, RTZ Ltd. 6 St James's Square,

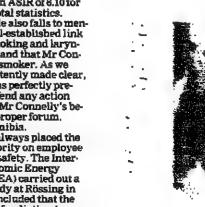
A Country Diary

MACHYNLLETH: A couple of | bution to the history of an imparticularly good titles to ecommend this week, one for birdwatchers, the other for railway buffs. The first is alled Montgomeryshire Bird Report 1993-94 but it is much more than that. It is a summary of the whole history of the county's birds and shows the ups and downs in the fortunes of many species. Doing better than in the past are great-crested grebe, goosander, kite, goshawk and several others; but there is bad news on black grouse, lapwing. curlew. cuckoo, sky-lark, ring ouzel, tree sparrow and yellowhammer. This report also includes articles on birds of prey, river birds, barn owl conservation, birdringing, etc and costs £4-45. post free, from Montgomeryshire Wildlife Trust. 20 Severn St, Welshpool SY21 7AD. The other book I've been reading is a much heftier volume, a highly original contri-

London SW1Y 4LD. ********************************** probably surviving rural railway. As it has for long years. the Central Wales Line still connects Shrewsbury with West Wales via Craven Arms

and stations south-west across the counties of Radnor, Brecon and Carmarthen and so to Llanelli and Swansea. It is a leisurely, beautiful jour-ney and in the uplands is quite spectacular. The book, produced by the Community College, Bishop's Castle, is the work of a whole army of enthusiasts delving into the memories of people who over many years have worked on or lived near the line. In addition there are nearly 50 pages of poems. You can obtain this rewarding book, Along the Line, edited by Roger Garfitt, by sending £7.50, plus £2.50pp, to the Community College, Bishop's Castle, SY9 8AY, making cheques payable to Shropshire County Council. WTLLLAM CONDRY

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public to walk there. The man who stood to earn most from **Tomorrow's Austrialian Grand Prix in** Melbourne takes place amid a storm the Grand Prix project, its managing director Ron Walker, was a close personal of local protest, and is just one of the friend of Kennett's, Walker's state's controversial money-making company was guaranteed and funded by tax-payers in Vic-toria and yet no one knows schemes. NICK DAVIES reports how much public money has

MAGINE for a moment that | a newly-elected right-wing government announced that in order to attract lucrative business to London, they had decided to stage an international Grand Prix in the capital, and that without ultation they had chosen as its site the previously peaceful, almost rural surroundings of Hampstead Heath.

Imagine how those who took refuge on the heath would rise in outrage to protest and how they would fight to repell the buzz-saws and the buildozers. And imagine that this government simply ignored them and carried on regardless, slicing down the trees and carving up the soil to construct more than five kiloeters of tarmac track with 16 massive grandstands along its flanks.

Now you can begin to catch some of the flavour of the bitter row that has surrounded the staging of tomorrow's Australian Grand Prix in Melbourne's Albert Park. The event was conceived by the ultra-conservative govern-ment of premier Jeff Kennett, who won the Victorian state election in October 1992 and who was portrayed soon after wards in a cartoon in the Meibourne Age Intently reading a book called How I Got Tough.

by Margaret Thatcher, declar ing "I can't put it down. In staging his festival of burning rubber among the swings and roundabouts of Albert Park, he has declared war on the liberal middle classes who live around its edge and on the values they espouse, signalling the arrival of an era in which the only values that count are those that pay their way. In simple terms, the world according to Jeff Kennett means The Deregulation

Of Just About Everything. For years, cambling was outlawed in the state of Vic-toria. Kennett's Labour prede cessors started cautiously to open the door to the saming ndustry, but Kennett handed them the keys to the city. Vic-

come the capital of Australia's sex industry. Kennett's gov-ernment has legalised escort agencies so that there are no more than 230 companies selling women at \$100 an hour, paying Kennett's government \$500 for every phone line. Ken-net has lifted a moratorium on brothels, whose numbers had declined under the previous Labour administration, and now charges them a licence fee of \$1,200 plus \$500 for every

bed. He has allowed sex shops to flourish, selling hard-core pornography in open defiance of federal law, and he has permitted the arrival of sex bars where naked table-dancers offer musical gynaecology to drinkers.

ers Association decided to sur-vey 14,000 businesses to check When he first announced the plan to build a Grand Prix race track by the lake in Althe effect on them. Meanwhile, the casino announced that it bert Park, his opponents had numerous weapons with would never close, not even on Christmas Day. The city's two archbiahops have linked the casino with the staging of the Grand Priz. The Catholic Archbishop of Melbourne, Frank Little, which to fight him. So Kennett removed them all. They could have challenged him on planning grounds or tried to prove he was in breach of laws to protect the environment; Ken-nett pushed through legisla-tion to exempt the Grand Prix from all planning and environspoke out at a Christma midnight mass in St Patrick's Cathedral, accusing the organisers of the race and the owners of the casino of demental regulation. They could have sued him for damage caused to their homes by stroying Victoria's cultural and social fabric. He and the subsidence or noise pollution; Anglican Archbishop, Dr Kennett pushed through legis-Keith Rayner, both declined to bless the new track. lation to block all compensation claims arising from the **Kennett's justification was** the bottom line. "We have a responsibility as a govern-Grand Priz.

ment to try to lift this state out of the doldrums." He said the IS opponents knew that Kennett had used tax-payers' money to buy the rights to stage church leaders were "yester-

day's people". The different strands of "Jeffism" have now become twisted together. Pornograthe Grand Prix from Bernie Ecclestone, the London millionaire who controls worldwide Formula One racing, and they knew he had pledged phy stores are offering a 30 per cent discount to customers more public money to pay for construction work, but all the with Grand Prix tickets. The biggest brothel in the city now sells its women for casino figures were kept secret. The Freedom of Information Act gave them a chance to uncove chips as well as cash. Like Thatcher, Kennett may have torn up tradition and pro-voked the hatred of many, but he has won the hearty and walhe truth; but Kennett pushe through legislation to block all applications for official paperwork connected with the deal. In response, thousands of lets of those who profit from his values. objectors formed the Save Al-bert Park organisation and And with the opposition

been invested in him.

Together with the out-

spoken media millionaire Ker-

riend of Kennett's, Lloyd Wil-

ry Packer and another close

liams, Walker runs the com-pany which was awarded the

monopoly to operate casinos in the region. Walker person-

ally had earned \$17.7 million from the casino deal, while

Packer had gained \$80 million and Williams \$29.7 million. As

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Most major retail industries

lion and on leisure services by \$47 million. The Retail Trad-

in Victoria reported a year without growth; spending on clothing had fallen by \$5 mil-

spent in the casino, other

Keeping his head . . . Martin Mears presides over a faction-riven society

Country lawman takes on the City stickers

says he'll certainly accept £7,500 in expenses when he

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allowance for all would be

office holders, But while he's shunned some presidential perks of office, he has no

its presidents. "I live in a far grander place than this in Nor folk," he says, in his panelled

parlour while the butler lays dinner for a dozen in the next

might be a liberal profession.

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ometimes shoot from the hip.

sometimes shoot from the hip. And the fight bas got dirty. The Mail on Sunday said he was a hypocrite claiming his public support for the sanctity of marriage — he believes there are too many divorces — is at odds with his own situa-

tion as a divorcee. His ex-wife

was quoted in that paper as saying that he really believed

in marriage, but he was a phi-

landerer, who reckoned there

should be one law for himself.

Mears is still smarting from the sting. "You've got to ask

Mail on Sunday focused on my

God's sake I've been separated

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marital arrangements. For

solicitors cover the political

spectrum. Whatever their

However, while the law

Law Society president Michael Mears has had to put up with some flak but, finds JOHN CUNNINGHAM, he can give as good as he gets. Photograph: SEAN SMITH

UST six months after I heid? A tiny number."

would object. Or the Lord Chancellor. Or the Office of Fair Trading. Or the Monopo-lies Commission. Or the National Consumer Council." Mears is willing, at least, to fight he wants to hait the gallop of cut-price conveyancing by ending professional indemnity triumphs of Thatcherism, and clients if a solicitor botches a You are asking for pro says his enthusiasm is dented at the moment. Professionally house sale. But the tide in the profession is against him. It is, he's wealthy enough to have spent thousands of pounds on his election campaign, but too, in his campaign to reduce the number of law graduates. some of whom are undercutting the market in order to scrape a living. "Excessive numbers are bad for the profession because stands for an unprecedented second presidential year — if we have an influx of cheap labour, and some of them end up as para-legals. But I'm accused of protectionism if I say it is in the community's interests to have strong, well-trained professions." "It is a reasonable country indeed, Mears the Maverick admit I'm a fat cat. Ever." qualms about occupying a bandsome 18th century house in, ironically, Carey Street, where the Law Society lodges

comes across very much as the protector of his profession. in spite of the unnoticed, unrewarded *pro bono* work his firm, and many other prac-tices do for hard-up clients. What he can't do up is that, for all his interest in democraticising the Law Society, money

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On prime land in the heart of Malbourne, a consortium of local businessmen are building a huge casino. While it is under construction, a tempo-porary version is taking the local's money at a rate of \$2.1 billion a year. The city which was once

distinguished by its parks and clattering trams has also be-

took to the streets with placards. They turned out to pro-test as workmen set about de stroving 1.000 of the perkland's trees. More than 600 were arrested, but the courts said they had broken no law by protesting on public land; Kennett then pushed through legislation to seal off sections of the park for 17 weeks, so that it became an offence for members of the

the memory of their last period in power, Kennett is still likely to win the state elections at the end of this month. One of the Albert Park protesters put his views quite simply. In the midst of a Melbourne demonstration last year, his placard addressed his enemy directly: "Kennett, you gormless pillock." And he owes it all to Margaret.

ALEX DUVAL SMITH on a growing threat to the national gastronomic compuision as more Parisians eat vite



ARISIAN cafés are pot yet resounding to calls of "une pinte de bière et un packet de chips, s'il vous plait". But a new survey has confirmed every French person's fears: gas tronomy is losing out to fast food.

At Burger King in Place Voltaire, 30-year-old Franck looked sheepishly at his half-eaten Whopper. Every fibre in his body told him that he should have gone to the café next door, rather than spend fr44.30 (£5.90) on a burger, chips and a Coke. There, he got to have a croque-monsieur (toasted cheese and ham sandwich) and a beer for less money.

"This won't even fill me up. You walk into fast food restaurants believing they will be cheaper, cleaner and somehow better because you help yourself. None of this is true but you get caught up in the illusion," he said. Franck and his girlfriend, Patricia. who work in a children's activity centre, admitted that their eat-ing habits were in line with the findings of a survey in Le Figaro this week. Compared to 30 years ago,

the French eat fewer calories and spend less time and money on their bellies, according to the survey. In the next table in Burger 1965, the average person spent two and half hours a day at the dining table. nourishment. "I would Today's figure stands at 1hr 20 mins. The big losers on spend my time eating. the dinner table are pota-

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Last orders? . . . time spent at the table is shrinking fast

toes, sugar and bread, the consumption of which has more than halved. Fresh vegetables and red meat are down by 25 and 15 per cent respectively. The winner is frozen food — up from 2kgs in 1965 to 37kgs per person per year. Patricia nodded in recog-

nition. "The trouble is, people do not appreciate good food any more. The other day, we had some There is also a move towards friends over for dinner. We made a real effort, even with the table decorations. But nobody noticed," she said. Franck added: "Family

dinners are a thing of the past. My old man still goes to corner shops because he says he appreciates the qual-ity but most of us are happy to shop in supermarkets where all the food you buy tastes the same." As ever, the Anglo-Saxons

are seen as the culprits. What's happening is a sign Even though "le plateau repas TV" (TV dinners) has not caught on, take-away sick society. Chinese dinners and home-

delivery pizzas are boom-ing. Annick, also aged 30, at over-reaction to this general trend". And, finishing the King, admitted she increas-ingly saw food purely as last chip, he added: "It's only going to get worse with McDonald birthday parties and an increasingly highrather see a good film than speed approach to life."

Since then, he's become so embattled, his friends needed to Tonight I'm going to the cinpresent a showy token of ome and I will almost cer-tainly have fast food before support. Almost alone among the or after the film," she said. Boulevard des Italiens, a professions, solicitors have made their recent rows pubstreet thick with cinemas, lic. What's more, they're about naked self-interest; and perhas its McDonalds, But ever sonal attacks on the players the French restaurants here, like the Batifol and Roare as much part of the furore as outrage over issues. Recent main chains, promote the speed of their service above the quality of the food. Then headlines in the Mail on Sunday screamed: "The strange there are the crèpes stands, the cafés' "formules exlove life of the Law Chief who

ally goes in for. For the last 10

years. Buggins after Buggins has been elected president without any contest. When

Mears broke ranks and stood against Buggins No 41 — and won — all hell was let loose in

the Law Soc's sarcophagus.

press" and Lina's Sandwiches. But some food experts reacted defensively to the survey's findings. Claude Grignon, an agronomics researcher, said: "Before fast-food, self-service restaurants had their time. It is wrong to think France has

and the agriculture minister launched a television advertising campaign to encourage French people to have 'a taste for taste" Mr Grignon said: "We are looking at a change in eating patterns, not necessarily a no work? Slash the number of graduates, says Mears, Harddecline. Women work, so pressed solicitors dare to cut the price of conveyancing? Put the fees back to their they have less time to cook.

proper levels, he argues. Most infamous of all be's uniformity. If you tried selling a real free-range chicken in a supermarket, people would complain that its seen as the scourge of feminism. Media reports this week suggested that harassment is taste was too strong, its meat too dark and too so rife among solicitors that a tough." Franck and Patricia hot line to the Law Society's agreed, but felt the survey offices was going to be set up to deal with complaints. But proved there was a real threat to their quality of life. Mears, the word was, might Franck said: "We are all caught up in the McDonaldkibosh the plan. "A non-issue," says Mears Disney-frozen-food culture. in the plummy tones of the

East Anglian country solicitor. He maintains the inclof over-consumption in a dence of sexual harassment "Several of our friends has been grossly exaggerated have started eating macrobi-otic food, which is a kind of by his opponents. There's no need for the Society to set up its own procedures to deal with harassment --- it's already classed as professional misconduct by the Solicitors' Complaints Body. "In the last

So why, you ask, do the 75 he started his new job, council members, in their mausoleum in Chancery Martin Mears was astonished to be presented with a gold Lane, worry about it so much? watch. The inscription was "It is a re-banging of the feminist drum, an issue they'd like to keep alive for their own obpretty startling, too: "Don't let the bastards get you down". It's not the sort of memento vious reasons. If you complain, they say 'Aha, you're soft on sexual harassment.' Or the Law Society, the vanerable body representing the interests of 65,000 solicitors, usu-

Perhaps you're in favour of it.'Absurd! But it's true that it was only when complaints about serial groping by that vice president were made by council member Elleen Pembridge, that the largely male bastion on Chan-cery Lane became aware that a problem existed within its own portals. But does he accept harassment occurs? "Of course it exists. But then you've got to ask yourself 'Is It

a great problem?' Now, I'm sure some solicitors battar their wives, but is it a problem?" The implication is, of hue, their professional body is fissured and seething with faccourse, that an isolated instance isn't the same as a insured and seeming with fac-tions. And Eileen Pembridge who, along with Henry Hodge (husband of the Labour MP) stood against him for the pres-idency, alleges that Mears has created an unprecedented cli-mate of fear and distrust in the profession trend requiring investigation and remedy. Mears makes an analogy that plunges him into deeper water. "If it was established that one solicitor was an alcoholic, would that be an argument for breathalysing all solicitors?" laid for him, he reckons. But then, as Mears admits, he does

'Excessive numbers are bad for the profession. We have an influx of cheap labour, and some end up as para-legals' Of course, there's no paral-

lel at all, but Mears, who looks every inch — every cubic inch - the rubicund country practitioner he is, steams on regardless. "Last year I opposed targets for the employment of ethnic

from my wife for 10 years and divorced for five. This isn't exminorities. And I attracted the predictable opprobium. actly a case of the Casanova of It's un-enforcable, it's ineffective, it's gesture politics. I consider I'm a member of a lib-eral, learned profession. It's not necessary to tell me everyone should be considered on their merits. It would be quite shameful to turn somebody down, qualified for the job, for reasons of sex or race. No wonder his enemies' problem — a word much used

he's a maverick.

plaints. How many were up-

You can see why they're concerned about his unpredic-

to do".

at the Low Society these days of cliques and cabals — is not that he is right-wing, but that

Norfolk. They tracked down my wife and asked her to give me a glowing reference which, unsurprisingly, she declined But apart from the personal

flack — and Mears gives at least as good as he gets — the big problem is that the Law Society is so ossified in its

practices and procedures that it is largely immune to the reforms he wants to introduce Everyone's transfixed by an air of "No Can Do-ism" as he

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calls it. "In the past, the Chancery Lane orthodoxy has been that it was more or less imposfive years, they 've had 46 com-plaints. How many were up-ways voted Tory, but is aware while. The Master of the Rolls

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hono work from people who are doing well. You are saying You are doing well out of society, give some of it back'." So is he a fat cat? "No. No. No. Don't you dare say that. I'm not admitting anything of the kind," he says emphatically but affably. All right, but as his own firm with 50 staff and four offices, can afford to do some work for free, he must be a fartish cat?



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believes in the sanctity of marriage." Smears for Mears were part of the game, an unthinkable

move for the most upright pinstripes in the land. But not unprecedented in the last two years. One of the vice-presidential Buggins had to stand down because of persistent al-legations that he was a serial

lost its love of food." Yet only last week, the top Tour d'Argent restaurant lost its third Michelin star groper. Martin Mears is portrayed - or caricatured - as an ex-treme right-winger, who revels in political incorrectness; who wants to keep the law's rich pastures for the grazers already there. Law schools flooding the market with LIBs for whom there is

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Hard men and true . . . Dalziel (Warren Clarke) and Pascoe (Colin Buchanan) in Plater's TV adaptation of Reginald Hill

Cops and robbers

Screenwriter ALAN PLATER has walked the mean streets of crime fiction adaptation . . . and lived to spill the beans



novels provoke some of the most ignoble reactions in the halls of creativity: from outright lies ("Well I will of course need time to re-read Trollope before I commit myself") to uncompromising hostility ("Why should I give that best-selling bastard the kiss of life?"). Beyond that, as a long-time thriller freak I've always been game for a whack at any writer I admire: Conan Doyle, Margery Allingham, Agatha Christie and, most recently, Ruth Rendel

The Dalziel And Pascoe invi-tation from the BBC was easy to handle. I have been reading Reginald Hill's books as fast as he can write them since they first appeared in 1970. Set in Yorkshire, the novels are about the relationship betw a senior CID officer called Andy Dalziel -- pronounced Dee-Ell and, according to the man himself, the only name in the English language pro-nounced by using only its first and last letters — and Peter Pascoe, a young graduate cop and therefore an obvious tar-get for Dalziel's venom. The cooler critics are bound to call the relationship symbiotic, so remember: you read it here

All the best fictional detec-tives work in twos so they can talk to each other and we can share the deductive process: from Holmes and Watson to Morse and Lewis and, my per-sonal favourites, Nick and Nora Charles in The Thin Man, key influences on the Trevor Chaplin and Jill Swin-burne of The Beiderbecks Trilogy. To be sure, Philip Mar-lowe walked the mean streats alone, but he had Chandler's first-person narrative to keep him company and sustain the voyage of discovery.

There is a major Nora Charles / Myrna Loy element in Reginald Hill's books. Her name is Ellie, initially Pascoe girlfriend, later his wife and mother of their child. She is also a high-flying academic who later becomes a successf novelist and, inevitably, is dragged into several of the investigations. In many ways, she is the toughest of the three main protagonists.

As an old lag who served part of his 1960s apprentice ship on the original Z Cars pro gramme. I have a ragbag of theories about the cop-show form. The central idea is that audiences are 20 times more interested in spending time in the company of characters they care about than they are in the minutiae of deduction. Nobody really gives a damn about the fingerprints on the wineglass. The simple secret every plot, as Ed McBain pointed out, is that something happens to disturb the equilib rium of a particular universe, whereupon the police ride into town and restore that equilibrium, with a few capers along

the way. Reginald Hill brings various highly personal and some-times idiosyncratic elements to the classic form, notably a strong sense of the community in which the police operate. In the first book, A Clubbable Woman, the focus is the local rugby union club: in the second, An Advancement Of Learning, a minor university campus. There are also traces campus. There are also traces of what the symbiotically in-clined might call intertextua-lity: a homage to the country-house murder in An April Shroud and to the great Patri-cla Righsmith in Deadheads. He also permits — even encourages — his characters to be changed by their experi-ences, Unlike Holmes and Wat son, who remain unaltered throughout all their adventures, Pascos and Ellie grow up, and Dalziel matures, with out ever becoming soft and cuddly. In our opening episode he describes himself to Ellie

thus: "I use foul and abusive

langauge. I pick my nose and scratch my balls. I fart louder than is biologically necessary. And I do it all in public. I've got sod all to hide, more's the pity. I do my job, collect my wages. go home and have my tea. Generally in the middle of the night. And I don't know any funny handshakes."

Throughout the books runs a gently subversive quality. The crimes are rarely pure and never simple; the resolu-tions frequently ambiguous and contradictory. The humour is simultaneously raw and sophisticated. The verbals are good, too. A single-bladed knife for pruning roses is de-scribed as a "non-secateur". In translating the books into the language of the small

screen, we took two simple but crucial decisions. The first was to tell the stories, as far as possible, in their natural chronological order. The second is more unusual. Because each of the novels has a flavour unique to itself, we made no attempt to impose a house style. The brief to the directors was to find the truth of the tale and work outwards, rather than arrive on the set with a suitcase full of this week's

Tarantino licks. This being so, A Clubbable Woman, directed by Ross Devinish, is simple and on-the-nose like the rugby scrum that sets the tone at the top of the show; An Advancement Of Learning, directed by Maurice Phillips, nods to the film noir tradition, with a homage to Carol Reed specially request by the screenwriter; and An Autumn Shroud, directed by Richard Standeven from a screenplay by Malcolm Bradbury, is a subtle mix of country-house mayhem and

mist over the marshes. The long-term plan is to make three films a year until the audience grows weary or until the end of recorded history, whichever is the earlier. There were, naturally enough, a few wobbles along the way. The shooting sched ule meant that all three stories

the wrong time of year. A Club bable Woman is set around Christmas but was shot in last year's higher than average high summer. Consequently we had to take the advice of Alan Rickman's Sheriff of Nottingham and cancel Christmas. One of the main setpieces in An Advancement Of Learning 15 a cricket match but we were filming in October at a location without a cricket pitch so logistics stopped play. And the hawk-eyed will have observed that Hill's title An April Shroud has become An Autumn Shroud in our version - another inevitable seasonal adjustment, but the shroud is intact. We have also tried to convey the visual quality of Yorkshire without setting foot inside the county boundaries These three books were written in the early 1970s but updating presented fewer problems than we might have anticipated. Professionalism has arrived in rugby union and student occupations have gone out of fashion, but the underlying attitudes remain sound and true, and Ellie is an emanripated woman well ahead of hêr time.

One of the sweeter by-proda first time professional association with Malcolm Bradbury. We first met in Hull around 1960. He was a bright young academic and promis-ing novelist who'd taken a job on the campus, succeeding an-other bright young chap called Richard Hoggart. I was a scuf-fling, apathetic architect with a couple of radio plays hiding under the drawing board. We have shared the joyful task of dramatising the Reginald Hill books, and aside from an alarming tendency to deliver his scripts ahead of time, the lad Malcolm's done great. With almost a century of writing experience between the two of us and Reg, the inescap

able conclusion is that win, lose or draw, this is as good as it's ever likely to be. Daiziel And Pascos begins were on location at precisely March 16, on BBC1, 8.05pm

For too long arts have been dominated by the visual. Now radio is getting its own back The sound of silence

Radio

Ted's triumph

Anne Karpf

And yet, though the 1970s and 1960s saw the emergence of successful artists like Brian Ustener stop and ponder in a way no traditional radio pro-ducer would dare risk. Bill Eno and Laurie Anderson ex-Furlong, the doyen of British and oral, we still don't have a cultural theory of sound that parallels the visual. One reason is that sound artists come from many different dis-courses — acoustic composers and producers of computergenerated music on the one hand, and on the other installa tion artists and visual artists moving into sound. Both kinds appropriate bits of original or found sound and reconstruct them into a new whole. Some have ventured into Warholian excess: the Canadian station Jupiter once ran a flve-hour broadcast of the sound of paper being torn. This month at an international symposium organised by Northern Arts and the University of Sunderland, British sound artists played examples of their work. Katharine Normanaged in 15 minutes to con-struct part of a transmitter. In Berkeley, California, Over The Edge is a weekly man's digitally produced montage uses silence to make the

three-hour "live-mix" night-time show on KPFA made by an experimental group called Negativiand. They recycle audio matarial into an impro-vised new mix, and invite lis-teners to participate via the teners to participate via the telephone. Callers-in can get directly on to air without screening or time delay and deposit ideas and sounds into the mix — musicians can phone in with their own music or elaborate tapes, and Don Joyce brews it all together,

Reviews **MICHAEL BILLINGTON on Theatre de** Complicité's ambitious new work, Foe

Staging the unstageable

NVITED to tree-associate with the word "radio", few of us would come up with the word "art". The fact that, to many, art connotes the **visual** reflects the low place in the hierarchy of senses that hearing occupies in Western countries — like taste and smell. it's almost invariably ranked after sight, even though it's one of the most evocative of senses. Antipro-pologist Richard Thorn gave his students a questionnaire that asked them to identify the two or three dominant sound markers from their childhood they all came up with deeply emotional and personal assoc ations — the scraping of Dad's razor or Mum singing in the kitchen while cooking produced a powerful remembered sense of security.

Television

Adam Sweeting

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By the same token.

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HEY say music comes in

two types, good and bad.

callers in the left and right answering banal questions like "where do you come tereo channels, and ruthles from?" and then edits their cutting those who aren't inter esting, who are then free to call answers to bring out an abstract quality that "operates more like colours in a paintin again. The end result is strangely compelling. ing. You stop hearing the lit-So far most British experieral meaning of the words and start to hear something more mental audio work has been off rather than on air. But with the growth in ambient music, more expressive." And it works. In other countries sound art inventive DJs, sampling and surfing, audiences are becom-ing increasingly familiar with this kind of work. And from May 14 till 19, the Sound Works is to be found in community radio stations. In the 1980s Japan experienced a boom in "mini FM" stations, "narrow-casting" to a 100 metre radius, Exchange is running a five-day which didn't require a licence event in which British and Ge because of the weakness of their signal. Tetsuo Kogawa argued that such "block radio" man sound artists, experimental composers and DJs will ex-plore total immersion in sound could reactivate areas and em-power people and, to show how through discussions and performances in London. The simple the technology was, sonic is clearly booming.

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looked out of the window

like comedy, there's sport ... or there should have been,

with England's cricketers only

a few hours away from embar-rassing defeat by Sri Lanka in

the World Cup quarter-finals, and the new Formula 1 season

starting in Melbourne in the early hours of tomorrow

morning. On Sky Sports, the

World Cup hasn't been a great

sporting event yet, but it has provided a fascinating parallel

universe of political intrigue

and culture-shocks, especially Kenya's drubbing of West

nothing at all to watch on our

errestrial networks. Arma-

geddon in TV sports coverage

But, hey, our top TV techno

crats can still churn out a fine

reeps closer.

Indies. But there has been

SONE a friand of Fos? died on the voyage home and Watching Theatre de Complicité's version of J M Coetzee's novel of that name, Friday's tongue has been cut out. Susan inescapably ap-propriates their stories just remiered at the West Yorkas Foe manipulates hers. As shire Playbouse, I found it in a way does Coetzee difficult to get enthused. In nimself. The novel works both as a hall-of-mirrors Borgesian their versions of stories by John Berger and Bruno Schulz, Complicité bril-liantly married physical exconundrum and a political pressiveness with powerful

fables: here they are wres-tling with the intractable

problem of turning a multi-layered novel about story-telling into a piece of grip-

ping theatre. The ideas themselves are

interesting. To whom do stories belong? Is silence as

potent as language? Is there

Wheatley, plays fair with Coetzee's basic intent. He

shows a desert island cast-

tering the shipwrecked

Cruso and his mute black companion. Friday, and,

Foe (the original family name). Because Cruso has

Rusticana/Pagliacci

HE WELSH National

Opera is celebrating its golden jubilee with the winned Italian operas by

that launched the company in

1946. The double bill is a show-

case for the best Welsh tenor of

Mascagni and Leoncavallo

the day — Dennis O'Neill, doubling as Turiddu and

gan's designs are conven-

tional. For Cavalleria

The stagings by Elijah Mo-shinsky with Michael Year-

Rusticana, we have pretty vil-

where, a homage to the narra-

doesn't focus the acting at all.

Pagliacci, musically the more

distinctive work, gets a less

loshinsky. There are more

clowns than usual and large

cynical response from

lage pictures not going any-

tive conservatism of a John

Copley or Zeffirelli that

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metaphor for the author's na tive South Africa: in particular for the way the disempowered are, literally, rendered speechless. But in-evitably it undergoes a seachange when staged. The inverted commas, in which Susan's story is permanently told, are submerged. Charac-terisation is simplified so that Foe, by paying someone to im-personate Susan's lost daugh-ter, becomes more nakedly any such thing as historical truth? The adapter, Mark exploitative. And gnomic ut-terances, such as "Writing is not doomed to be the shadow of speech", begin to sound like exam discussion-topics. away, Susan Barton, encoun-The production by Annie Castledine and Marcello once back in London, telling Magni strains every nerve to give the story theatrical life. her story to the writer Daniel The desert-island section, with its master/slave

Canio's revenge seems sordid

metaphysically consequent. Moshinsky's Welsh staging is a good, solid account of what

and petty rather than

relationship and bolts of thunder and lightning, is like a compressed Tempest. Foe's London is evoked through a towering desk and chair precariously perched on Peter Mumford's fissured mudcaked stage. And the acting is never less than good. Kathryn Hunter's Susan has the desperate urgency of a woman with a story to tell who finds herself confronted by the insatiable demands of flc tion. Patrice Naiambana hauntingly implies both Friday's silent strength and be-lated access of power when he

Cast adrift . . . (left to right) Patrice Nalambans, Hannes Flaschberger and Kathryn Hunter Photo Nei, Lisse PHOTO NEIL LIBBERT

> dons the writer's furred guild-robes. But Foe, lacking much interolay of character, is theatrical without being dramatic and cannot match the shock effect of the novel, in which we are finally reminded that Coetzee is the controlling au-thorial voice who has all along been telling the story. It's all done with great style but Complicité have simply chosen an unstageable book.

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word "love" in its title. When A Man Loves A Woman, Love Is A Wonderful Thing, To Love Somebody — he did 'em all, and how we swooned when he held notes for min-utes at a time. If there was a singing Olympics, Bolton would walk away with gold. Not only that, if there was a category for Brashest Would-Be Soul Group, the backing band would also be in for a medal. They provide the horsepower without sharing in the glory; in retribution, they pump up every note as if it's the last they'll ever play. One unforgettable number had the guitarist actually playing two instruments together — one around his neck, the other propped on a The set was divided beween Bolton originals and Bolton's beloved sixties soul covers, all linked by the belief that more is more. Inexplicably, this approach has helped to sell 40 million records, and

also attracted the patronage of Luciano Pavarotti, with whom he once duetted. That figures, when you think about it — who else could make the maestro seem

ally every number has the

most people expect to see in this highly theatrical pairing. But he never breaks through into a level of genuine excite-ment. Carlo Rizzi's rather self-satisfied conducting was a handicap, too beavy and coarse, and the WNO orche had slipshod moments. O'Neill had about two lines of pleasing mezza voce but mostly belted with a good sense of style and an increasingly welcome ring in his tim-bre. A better director would have pushed him further. Anne-Marie Owens made a powerful Santuzza with thrill-ing higher register. But her emotion-laden responses seemed generalised rather than specially apt. Peter Sid-hom was a formidable Alfio,

his resentment snarling and invasive. The most credible performers were Rosalind Sutherland's plump persuasive Nedda, singing with a soft edged bell-like sweetness, and

POP **Michael Bolton**

Wembley Arena he last time Michael Bolton played Wembley, there were so few men there that the gents' toilets were opened to the ladies. This time, on the first of two sold-out nights,

there were more males wary eye on pop's most unlikely sex god. Unlikely is definitely the is also — to go by this show — In fairness to the lounge-He barely glanced at the young woman he pulled ontoo). He plainly sees the sex

around, presumably to keep a word. Bolton is not just 40-ish and blow-dried of coiffure, he the least sexy creature ever to steamroll through a love song. suited American, he never set out to be Rod Stewart, and such expectations fluster him. stage during an aria from Pag-liacci (yes, Mike sings opera distraction from his real voca-

Caroline Sullivan

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through binoculars and saw herds of wildebeest charging series made everybody laugh except the Mail On Sunday ("an orang-utan could produce across the veldt. Ted rang Father Larry on his mobile something funnier"), and on the evidence of last night's new episode, Hell, the second series phone, causing Larry's car to plunge over a cliff. Bloody good will too. laugh, actually. **Encouragingly, Father Ted** And for those of you who

with Father Ted (C4). The first

specimen of the latter, and has the added effect of making any armchair you're sitting in sudremains virtually indescrib-able. Dissecting TV comedy is denly feel as though it's full of like painting the Golden Gate bridge --- you don't know when lumps of cement and broto stop, you wish you'd never started and you suddenly disken springs. You're in much safer hands

cover you've lost your sense of humour --- but Ted offers succour to the critic by conforming to nothing it resembles other classic comedies only by being

unprecedented. Not even the fact that Channel 4 are testing Father Ted to destruction by dumping it into the Friday night morass of comedy and pitiful "youth" programmes can conceal the fact that writers Graham Linehan and Arthur Mathews have created

an original. The main characters are still there, ie Ted himself, the dis-gusting and deranged Father Jack, Ardal O'Hanlon's idiotic Father Dougal, and the joke housekeeper Mrs Doyle. But

the genius of Father Ted is the way its spirit can be transported to the most irrational settings. This week, the men went on holiday in a squalid, storm blasted caravan somewhere in Ireland. Desperate for something to do. Ted and Dougal watched the kettle boil.

The kettle's boiled there, Ted. Will I put more water in and turn it on again?" asked Dougal. "No." said Ted. "I liked it best the first time." Dougal works every time, nearly.

whodunit. ITV's latest Ruth Rendell Mystery is The Secret House Of Death, starring perpetually panic-stricken Amanda Redman as a frustrated single mother living on a pricey but claustrophobic housing estate, and getting unwisely embroiled with nextdoor neighbours Bob and Louise. When she finds Louise

hideously dead, her descent into nightmare begins ... Ren-dell's gift is her ability to cloak whopping genre cliches in minutely observed trappings of middle-class conformity It

crowds of interested audience milling around. The lighting is dramatic, the basic set a dusty

featureless yard. The passions attempt Anna Magnani-like conviction but the denoue-

ment is muddled and unsubtle.

March 20 and 22, then touring.

. Tom Sutcliffe

March 12 and 15; Covent Garden, booming voice, one wonders why women do find him so attractive. Perhaps it's because virtu-

symbol business as a pesky Jason Howard's robust, comtion, emoting MOR ballads by pulsive, handsome Silvio. the yard. And considering the At the Bristol Hippodrome on utter lack of subtlety of his

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delicate?



'I may be able to A to spill the be found the Jewish state without any firm support'

The Guardian Saturday March's togs

The state that was to become Israel was envisioned 100 years ago. **DAVID GOLDBERG remembers its** motive force, Theodor Herzl

SLIM volume en-titled *Der Judenstant* - The Jewish Statevas published in Vienna 100 years ago. Its author was Dr Theodor Herzl, a successful journalist, unsuccessful playwright elegant man-about-town and assimilated Jew. His thesis was simple: there was a com pelling need to provide the Jews with a state of their

The idea was not new. Already by 1862, Moses Hess, a quixotic collaborator of Marx and Engels, had argued in Rome and Jerusale that anti-Semitism was endemic in liberal countries and could only be cured by re-establishing a Jewish state in Palestine. By the time of Herzl's 1896

namphlet. a movement - of sorts — already existed to promote a Jewish homeland. But it was Herzl who through force of personality and compulsive energy transformed Zionism into a coherent national movement, who took under its umbrella all the disparate phil-authropic, humanitarian, religious and political tendencies that were attempting to restore Zion, who acted as the bridge-builder between

western and eastern Jewry. who gave to the pr

Zioulst organisatio its sense of purpose, and to the watching world an impression of nd credibility.

Herzl was born in 1860, A start in the start of the same year as Anton Chekhov, and

There is

in 1904, also writer.

ilarly controlled and effort-less. The poorest Jews would go first, to lay the founda-tions, followed by entrepre-neurial settlers and then the middle classes. Government of the new-found land would be by a limited monarchy or

An aristocratic republic. As to its location, Herzl caves the options open. The vast open spaces and temper ate climate of Argentina were attractive, but on the other hand, Palestine is "our unforgettable historic homeland". Furthermore, were the Sultan to cede Palestine to the Jews, they would undertake competent manement of Turkey's chaotic

outpost of civilisation ainst berberism". At the time, Der Juden staat created only a minor strat created only a minor str. But as a journalist Hersi knew how to "plant" stories that took on a life of their own. Within 18 months he would have wheedled his way into the Ottoman court and masterminded his most spectacular coup de théâtre, the first Zionist Congress in

finances and become "an

Subsequently he would ob-tain audiences with the Kal-ser, the Sultan, the Pope, Joseph Chamberlain the British Colonial Secretary, and



Herzl: another territory would Moses, not become an privileged to outpost of



CONTEXT 19

In a family embrace

Al Qahira, Cairo's Inner City, is a planner's nightmare. But JAN MORRIS believes they should think twice before changing it

through the Bab Zuweila, below the dreadful objects of ron and chain which are, I take j mementos of the time when this was the place of public exe cutions, past the nail-studded gate behind which the long-dead levitatory saint El Mutwalli attends the supplications of the faithful — as I entered the capital of the Fatinid Caliphs it occurred to me that the Inner City, over which western urban theorists wring their hands so helplessly, is de-cidedly alive and well in Cairo. Al Qahira, "The Victorious" has not much changed its shape ance it was founded in the tenth century. City walls sur-round part of its square mile or so, and it still fiels quite sepa-rate from the metropolis which has grown up awound it is a has grown up around it. It is a tumultuous jumble of tenements, bazaars, mosmies, cramped squares and narrow alleys: congested, crumbled, not very hygienic, with extremely poor housing and appalling pressures of traffic, and general hugger-muggerdom. In short, our western improvers would bate it. The health hazards! The safety haz-ards! The lack of zoning! The noise! The stress! The almost certain absence of qualified Counsellors, Sociologists and Planning Officers! But I think that within the medieval gates of this quarter one can discove almost all the qualities that an inner city ought to have — all but expunged in the west by the dogmatic reforms of Experts. I suspect the greatest of ar-chitectural visionaries, the Corbusiers or Lloyd Wrights, might be on my side. Like Ven-ice, Al Qahira has an elegant simplicity of design which makes for clarity of purpose. It was conceived as a fortified pal-ace compound: the palaces have vanished, but the rectan gular ground plan remains nuch as it was when the Caliph's Moroccan astrologers de clared it propitious in 969 AD. Among the tangled maze of alleys a single main artery passes, with several changes of name. If runs from Bab Zuwella to Bab Futuh, from the south-

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ament, exchanging casual greetings all the way, meeting friends here and there, shooed away by stall-keepers some away by stati recepts some-times, eating a mandarin, drop ping the peel and carrying in his hand a plastic container containing a pair of large and vicious-looking insects. Far from thinking what qualors and perils surrounded him. I thought what a marvellous place it was to grow up in, with all the passionate variety of human existence displayed so intimately and so frankly, every step of the way. The great Egyptian novelist Naguib Mahfouz did grow up here, and in his most famous book. Midaq Alley, evoked a glorious cast of Al Qahiran characters — the rogues, the sentimentalists, the pious, the profane, the girl who ran away to be a downtown prostitute,

the matchmaker, the quack, the

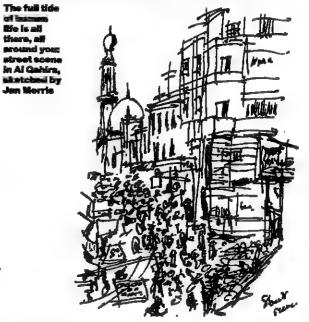
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What might ruin Al Qahira would be the application of trendy western planning principles to its ancient web — the broadening of lanes, the open-ing-up of spaces, the pedestrianisation of that chaotic main street, which would at a single stroke destroy both the functionalism and the fascinotion of the place. But short of mass demolition, even the most progressive reforms would probably fail in Al Qahira. For one thing the cars and the donkeys would soon be back among the bol lards and pretty benches of the pedestrian street: but much more importantly, the spirit of the place itself proves indestructible.

Al Qahira possesses one u ban element which western planners do not often have to bother about: the immensely potent force of a belief. Even patriotism, that last degrade



lating people to make their begging more profitable. His epon-ymous Midaq Alley still crists, in the heart of the place, and it pleased me to imagine that the schoolboy with his rucksack was a novelist in embryo too, already soaking up his For the first merit of this Inner City is the scale of it. Nothing is too big, nothing is too far. The great central bazear is there if you need it, but scattered throughout Al Qahirs are food shops, street stalls, cof lee shops, drapers — the Cairo equivalent of the corner shops Whose disappearance in the west those town-planners so de plore. Every few hundred yards there is a mosque or a shrine, too, binding Al Qabira in the loyalty of its faith, and also providing a gentle place of escape. If the turnult of the street ever comes too much for you The right scale, and the right nix. Sacred and profane, exqui site and ruffianly, grand and pokey — here all are cheek by jowl, with no inner ring roads to upset the ensemble, or alienate one part from another. One big modern road does strike into the city centre, depositing its endless streams of fraffic in the square outside Al zhar, and no doubt much of Al Qahira's housing is really beyond redemption and will have to be replaced. No matter.

form of religion, need not enter the calculations of town-planners in the materialist west out in Al Qahira the power of Islam in its most generous forms gives the whole place a public unity, and a practical form, that is beyond sociology

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Berzi's talents were, essentially, theatrical Whether as dandy, sesting, whether or statesman-inournalist or statesman-in-waiting, Herzl adapted to his role with the easy charm of a leading man. Facilely gifted, excessively vain, overly sensitive, insecure, the only times his performance faltered were when he had to acknowledge that his young protege Arthur Schnitzler was a better playwright, and that his marriage was a miserable failure. His transformation from assimilated Jew to ardent

Jewish nationalist came as a result of covering the Dreyfus trial for his Vlennese newspaper. In France and elsewhere it was a thus of rampant anti-Semitism. Anti-Semitic parties boasted 16 deputies in the German Reichstag, and Karl Lueger had been elected mayor of VIenna on a crudely racist

platform. It was against this back-It was against this beck-ground that Herzh divined his destiny; to become the saviour of his persecuted people. He dashed off his mphlet in a burst of frantic creativity. Although Herzl is revered

nowadays as the founderprophet of political Zionism and Der Judenstaat would become its most potent textbook. it is, in truth, a disappointingly mundane and repetitious document. In it, Herzl is trying hard --- too hard --- to establish his cre-. dentials as the judicious statesman rather than the author of light comedies.

Ideologically, Der Juden staat is a conventional tract of its times, worthily progressive, a la mode, and almost totally devoid of originality. In the new Jewish state there would be a seven hour working day, symbolised by the seven golden stars of the national flag, a school system "conducted on the most approved modern methods", and model workmen's dwellings, each with its little garden, designed by ingenious architects whose sensitivity to the local land-scape enabled them always to site their conurbations within visibility of a synagogue, "for it is only our ancient faith that has kept us together.'

Immigration to this proto-Milton Keynes would be sim-

British that enter the t would seek Promised Land colonial status; to the Turks, that Jewish HULTON DEUTSCH capital would alleviate their parlous

economic situation; to the Jewish bankers, that it only required their loans for everything to fall into place. There was no consistent strategy at work; simply Herzl's febrile imagin

He knew better than anyone that his grand design was a confidence tricknow bluff. "The earth floats in mid-air. Similarly, I may be able to found and stabilise the Jewish state without any firm support. The secret lies in motion," he confided to his diary. A precursor of the twentieth century in his awareness of publicity and public relations, he coaxed and inveigled Zionian into the forefront of public

In the end, it was his ignorance of Jewish history and the millennial yearning for Zion that would prove his up doing. Desperate to find any haven for the Jewish masses after the 1903 Kishinev pogrom he urged the sixth Zi-onist Congress to pursue Chamberlain's offer of a pro-tectorate in Kast Africa. Many delegates turned on their uncrowned king in be-

trayed outrage. Leon Trots-ky, watching the tumult from the press gallery, pre-dicted the inevitable collaps of the Zionist movement.

A somblance of unity was eventually restored, but at the cost of Herzl's frail health. He died 11 months later, prompting an effusion of grief throughout the Jewish world.

Like only a handful of others in history, Herzl had transcended the none-tooflattering details of his pri-vate life to take on a mythic resonance as the personifica tion of his people: another Moses not privileged to enter the Promised Land, but whose enduring epitaph would be his uncannily accu rate prophecy after the first Zionist Congress in 1897: "At Basel I founded the Jewish state. If I said this out loud today, I would be answered with universal laughter. Perhaps in five years, and certainly in 50, everyone

Rabbi of The Liberal Jewish

will know it." David J Goldberg is Senior

Synagogue, London. His new book, To the Promised Land: a History of Zionist Thought, will be published by Viking/

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ern gate to the northern following an immemorial cara-van route to the Rai San. This was always the principal stree of Grand Cairo, one of the great thoroughfares of the world, cer tainly one of the most resilient, tainly one of the most resilient, and the true locale of the Thousand and One Nights — Ostensibly set in Baghdad but really a reflection of this tre-mendous oriental capital. About helf-way along stands the great basas' quarter, Khan el Khalif, as magnetic a focus for tourists today as it was seven centurics ach for the two

seven centuries ago for the tur banned merchants of the eastern world — still gleaming with gold and silver, rich with carpets, sickly with perfumes and cluttered with souvenirs ghastly and alluring. It forms a compact if labyrinthine quarter of its own: the medieval equivalent of a mall, and the well-defined focus of commercial life in the city. And nearby is the locus of intellectual and religious life-

coterminous in medieval Islam, and to some degree in nodern Islam too. In a commanding situation more or lea in the centre stands the mosque-university of Al Azhar, "The Resplendent" which has been for 1,000 years the aca-demic centre of all Islam. It has been vastly extended into an adjacent campus, and into a ampus outside the medieval city, but it is still the symbolial and topographical apex of

Al Qahira. The form, then, is explicit. the one main highway linking every quarter with the centres of spiritual and temporal life, the whole contained within recognisable limits and given unity by the sanction of history. All around, in lanes and alleys and little squares, in buildings old and new, comfort able and appalling, the people of the city live. Ah, the western planners would say, but think of the squalor, the confusion, the jam-

packed traffic of cars, trucks, buses, bicycles, donkeys, horses, herds of goats — men with baskets of ducks on their backs, street vendors, imperti-nent urchins, jolly smiling women, wandering mendicants - the rubbish, the crumbling walls, the piles of onions by the Bab Futuhi

It is perfectly true that the moment you enter Bab Zuweila the full tide of human life overwhelms you with its torrent of flotsam and jetsam. Colour. push, vivacity, greed, torpor, sudden anger, filitation, reconciliation, resignation, humour — It is all there, all around you, out in the open.

When I was walking here the other day Inoticed a schoolboy. rucksack on his back, sauntering home through the streets, pausing sometimes to look in a shop or laugh at a traffic predic-

Passing through Bab Zuweila is like entering the em brace of a family. God knows, as any reader of Midaq Alley certainly does, that the family has its fair share of family scan dals and disgraces, its black sheep away in prison, its drug addicts, its lechers and its snobs. But the children who grow up in Al Qahira grow up among friends, wandering the city without fear, cheeky enough but innately polite, and infinitely better balanced, or so it seems to me, than children of our western streets; and strangers too, the moment they tep into this ancient hubbub, feel themselves to be guests. Life in all its complexity rages, laughs, plays and asks for exorbitant prices on every corner of Al Qahira, but the grand and fundamental order that lies behind is betrayed in the neighbourly pattern of the city, the courtesy of its streets, the tall and lovely minarets piercing the blue above: and that, to my mind, is what the Inner City should be like.

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Jacobo Mailuta

A glimpse of power without the glory

61, was a political strongman or caudillo of the Dominican Republic. Unfortunately for him, the Spanish-speaking Ca-ribbean nation boasted a number of stronger strongmen. Thus, for all but 42 days — when Majluta was a stand-in president at the fag-end of a notoriously corrupt adminis-tration — his driving ambition was frustrated by more

powerful men. His first taste of the fruits of power came when he was given control of the nation's chocolate industry under the murderous, near-totalitarian regime of Rafael Trujillo. Following Trujillo's assassi-nation in 1961, Majluta joined the opposition Dominica Revolutionary Party (PRD). He rose fast, becoming finance minister in the nation's first truly democratic administration, Juan Bosch's 1963 government, which was over-

ACOBO Majluta, who | thrown by a military coup has died of cancer aged | after seven months. Majluta was imprisoned briefly before being exiled.

He was elected the republic's vice-president in 1978 under the PRD's Antonio Guz-mán, but found himself to the right of most of his colleagues He combined his state office with the presidency of Corde, a massive public sector corporation. The post carried ample scope for enrichment and Majluta was frequently accused of corruption, although charges were never formally

substantiated The high point of his career came in 1982. The alcoholic but honest Antonio Guzmán shot himself after uncovering corruption in his inner circle. As vice-president Majluta took over for 42 days until the president-elect assumed office. This was the one taste of the power after which Majluta so hankered. The rest of his life was devoted to recap-turing those few heady days.

His most bitter battles were with PRD rivals. Having failed to secure his party's 1982 pres-idential nomination be immediately began campaigning for 1986, building his own structure within the PRD and using his position as the senate's president to curry favou

with the right by blocking the PRD's progressive legislation. That campaign split the PRD. His supporters clashed with those of his main rival, Jose Francisco Peña Gomez. After a violent campaign in which activists from both camps were killed. Majluta won the PRD's nomination. It was a

pyrrhic victory. So many PRD supporters had been alienated that Mailuta lost out to a 78year-old former dictator --- the blind and incontinent Joaquin

Balaguer. Peña Gomez recaptured control of the PRD following that defeat, and Majluta was expelled from the party in 1987. The expulsion was sub-

Margaret Courtenay

I trai electoral council, but in 1989 Majluta broke entirely with the PRD and founded the Independent Revolutionary Party (PRI). This existed solely to promote Mailuta's personal ambitions, which were by now wholly unrealis tic. But it did take enough PRD voters to lose Peña Gomez elections in 1990 and 1994 and allow the disastrous Balaguer presidency to drag on far beyond its natural life. After being diagnosed with lung cancer. Majluta sought a political reconciliation with the PRD and even endorsed Peña Gomez's aspirations to the presidency. To many this last act of political generosity

was inexplicably at odds with Mailuta's otherwise cynical and destructive political CILIPET.

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born October 9, 1934; died March sequently annulled by the can-



Gesture politics . . . Majluta on the hustings in 1986

Grant, who has died aged 87, was the last British admiral to fly his flag in a battleship. But as one of very few officers to have undergone anti-submarine training before 1939, it was in that branch of warfare that he made his name.

EAR-ADMIRAL John

The war at sea was at its harshest on the convoy run between Iceland and northern Russia, where Grant commanded the destroyer HMS Beverley. The main natural threat to ships was the ice which formed on the upper-works, capable of overturning smaller vessels unless constantly backed off. In addition to the threat from U-boats. convoys on the Murmansk route faced Norwegian based Luftwaffe aircraft and surface warships, including the super-battleship Tirpitz.

of April 1942. The escort was led by the cruiser Edinburgh and included Grant's Beverley, which had been a US Navy strength and endurance. Three more destroyers and four minesweepers completed the close escort. On April 30 the Edinburgh was torpedoed by a U-boat 250 miles out and turned back to Murmansk. Next, three German fleet de-British equivalents, attacked The minesweepers escorted the limping Edinburgh, while enemy, Just one Soviet mer-

own side, taking a large Russian gold consignment with her. Grant, redheaded, with matching fiery temperament, was awarded the DSO for his part in the defence John Grant was the first male in his family not to join the Army. He went to Dart-mouth at 14 as a cadet in 1922.

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joining the battleship Queen Elizabeth as a midshipman of 17. As a lieutenant he was sent to HMS Osprey, the anti-submarine warfare school, to learn what was then a seriously underrated skill. In September 1941 Grant

they located the Edinburgh.

was given command of the Beverley with her mixed Brit-ish, Free French and Polish crew, serving on the trans-atlantic route and sinking one

U-boat before switching to the Russian convoys. In 1942 he was back at Osprey in a training role; a year later he joined the operational staff of Western Approaches command. Postwar commands of a de stroyer and a cruiser were fol-lowed by a shore posting as a captain and head of HMS Vernon, the torpedo school. Grant's last appointment was as Flag Officer commanding the Reserve Fleet, which he

October 13, 1908; died February 29, 1996

IS IT a sign of age when it seems that Commissioners of the Metropolitan police are getting younger? Sir Paul Condon is almost half way through his seven year stretch in the country's top policing job and is still only 4 tomorrow. He may feel that the job, which he took on in 1993, has already aged him a few extra years: he raised hackles when he suggested (Marcia) Falkender, 64; Terry Holmes, rugby player, 38, Graeme Odgers, chair-man, Monopolies and Mergers Commission, 62; Andrew last summer that the majority of young street robbers were Parrott, conductor, 49; Fou Ts'ong, planist, 62. black and some of his own more traditional officers are

unhappy at some of the Death Notices changes he has introduced. But his term so far has been,

SON, Pat of Horshem, who died on balance, successful: crime falling, stout words on equality, an unaccustomed frank-

Bentley Bridgewater Trusty at the museum

HE BRITISH Museum

was a very different institution when Bentley Bridgewater became secretary in 1948 to what it was when he retired in 1973. The director's office had only established a filing system two years before and the then director, Sir John Forsdyke, en-couraged the use of the telephone to avoid needle accumulation of paper. Most of the Museum's business was conducted on a personal basis requiring tact and persuasion - qualities Bridgewater, who has died aged 84, possessed to a remarkable degree.

Born in Vancouver, he was brought to England by his mother during the first world war. After Westminster School he read Philosophy. Politics and Economics at Christ Church, Oxford, He was a talented planist and linguist, and was coached unsuccessfully for the Diplomatic Service. He entered the BM as



ued by Forsdyke and his suc-cessor. Sir Thomas Kendrick; he became a friend of the Ken-drick family. They noticed his foibles and on occasion made that clear. But they recognised the intelligence that enabled him to dictate a long and com-plex draft in virtually its final form, and the diplomacy with which he dealt with sometimes difficult keepers, who, though highly qualified in their fields, lacked administrative experience. Bridgewa ter knew how to reassure, turn peared — in fact she was a away wrath, smooth rivalries and build bridges with the

Trustees, with many of whom he was on excellent terms. As time went on a variety of changes made his position more difficult. He was good at

keeping up the morale of his staff when everyone was under pressure, and once remarked that there was no reason why work should not be fun. There was not much fun about Sir Frank Francis,

Saving the day, and the play FTH the death of

salvaged many a play with her | and spent a great deal of time wit and brilliant comedy

Margaret Courtenay aged 72 the theatre has lost one timing. There were early days with of its most popular and colour ful personalities. Born in Car Old Vic companies in London and on extensive foreign tours when she played Goneril. Ger-trude and Lady Capulet: much later, when she had estab-lished herself as a mistress of diff she was the daughter of a talented amateur actress and started broadcasting while still at school. There was a break during the war when she served in the ATS, but otherwise Margaret (Maggle commanding characters. came Mistress Quickly, Ju-liet's nurse and other parts deto her friends) was rarely out of the theatre or studio. manding that special benevo-lent bullying which she was adept at protraying. But there Her long career encom-passed everything from Shakespeare to farce and muwere other plays in which she was required to be less formisicals. Possessed of an impos-ing presence and a beautiful dable and where her warmth and charm were displayed in gentleness and restraint. Offstage Maggie was a dy-namo of energy. Friends voice she was compelling in any role and was recognised as a valuable addition to any christened her Reuters of company with which she ap-Chiswick because she was cane stealer and sually ahead of the gossip

discovering and disseminat-ing the latest tidings. She not only knew a vast number of her fellow players but was in-formed about who was available and who was not. Notoriously late on social occasions he was a meticulous timekeeper where work was concerned and a valuable and popular member of any com-

pany. Of Juncesque proportions she had great style and ele-gance, and her arrival at any party (and she arrived at most parties) was managed with splendid effect. She had a knack of seeming to be every-

where, and she had a gift of bringing enjoyment with her. Her loyalty to and affection for her friends was unquestion ing — as was her devotion to mother, who pred

age of 105. Her acceptance of her illness was cheerful and ltogether admirable. The lady never lacked courage and was working on various projects until the very last weeks. Her final performance was as the Countess in a radio pro-duction of A Little Night Music when she was quite magical. On stage, in 1993, she was memorable as Lady Haylwas memorate as Lady nave ing in a revival of Coward's Relative Values, a part she made her own. She is survive by her son Julian — the only child of her marriage (later disolved) to Ivan Pinfield.

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Margaret Courtenay, actress, born November 14, 1923; died February 15, 1998

Fiery spirit in the Arctic ice

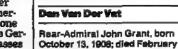
Rear-Admiral John Grant

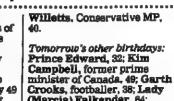
which sank one of them but was hit by a third torpedo. The cruiser had to be sunk by her

the British destroyers repeat-edly beat off their stronger chantman was sunk and one escort damaged when the Ger-mans retired after five passes at the convoy. But on May 2

did from Britain's last and largest battleship, HMS Vanguard, completed in 1946 and scrapped soon after he left the service in 1960 with the CB.

He enjoyed ten years in elec tronics, becoming director of the Conference of the Electronics industry







The second eastbound con-voy left Murmansk at the end first world war destroyer. With four funnels it looked old-fashioned but had great her by only a few weeks at the stroyers, with guns much heavier than those of their



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second best in 1937, and was appointed Assistant Secretary in 1940. Spells in the Dominions Office and at Bletchley during the war made him disinclined to return, but Fors-dyke persuaded him to do so in 1946. It was a good decision. The Museum became the centre of his life, and he quickly acquired an invaluable knowledge of its history and collections. In the day-to-day work of

the office he was resourceful and got on well with everyone His interest extended far beyond his own staff. He attended promotion boards at all levels, restored the confidence of those who failed and encouraged people to bring him their personal problems But he had his own way of doing things. For many years be occupied a flat on BM property to which he would retire for an after-lunch nap. His sec retary, very willingly, woke him with a telephone call at about 3. He got through his work by staying late, but dead lines were missed and the Assistant Secretaries, though finding him a pleasant colleague, carefully saw that more than a fair share of work did not drift in their direction.

he Director after 1959, who had little patience with Bridgewater's informal style but who in 1961 had acquired enough respect to get his post of Secretary elevated to a Keepership. Another development, two years later, was the abolition of the old Board of Trustees and with it the disappearance of long-serving members dedicated to the well-being of the Museum and as knowledgeable as its staff. The new Assistant Director appointed in 1968 had a scientific rather than arts background and could handle statistics, but he too came to appreciate Bridgewater's strengths. Bentley was not retained by the Museum to the age of 65, as he had hoped, but his fourth and last Director, Sir John Wolfenden, pointed out that had he stayed his next boss would probably have been Sir John Pope-Hennessy It was consolation of a kind that he had often dispensed to others, and no less effective.

Philip Harris and Offver Neighbour

Bendley Bridgewater, secretary of the British Museum, born September 6, 1911; died Febru-Bridgewater was highly val- ary 17, 1998

lane, novelist, 78; Keely Smith, jazz singer, 64; David Commanding performance . . . Courtenay with Anthony Quayle in The Rivals at the Old Vic in 1978 Photospaphy Peters Jones

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Face to Faith

Church without the Crown?

Madeleine Bunting

EWSPAPERS seldom bring good news for the Prince of Wales and this week's Guardian poll was no exception. Only 25 per cent thought he should still become king and head of the Church of England, while 45 per cent thought he shouldn't be either. Until now Lambeth has been able to enunciate a clear line -Charles, divorced or not, is entitled to succeed to the throne. and by implication to head the Church.

The all important and deeply sensitive issue is whether Prince Charles choses to remarry. Hence the Archbishop of Canterbury's unprecedented step of taking a complaint which was upheld this week to the Press Complaints Commission over a story in the Sun day Times recently which claimed that he was "ready" and "prepared to bless a union

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Ъ., 1 between the Prince of Wales and Camilla Parker-Bowles". Increasingly the Church is going to find itself centre stage in the escalating royal crisis and in an excruciating di-lemma. At present, the Church will not re-marry divorcees. The Church faces three pose ible options: Prince Charles continues - more or less secretly — his relationship with Camilla, without marrying her; Prince Charles has a civil marriage outside the Church; or the Church changes its stance on

ity of his generation.

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re-marriage. After the Archbishop of Canterbury's stern back to basics speech on marriage and family life in General Synod last November, all three look equally implausible. Dr George Carey was unequivocal about the primacy of marriage over cohabitation; how then could the Church accept a head in a long-term extra-marital relationship, or relax its policy on remarriage?

temples and mosques to be built for the millenium. Not to montion the bombshell he dropped in his interview with Jonathan Dimbleby that he wanted to be defender of faiths. The Queen is a sincere Chris-tian; her Christmas Day broad-What appears to loom mes-capably on the horizon is the dissolution of the link between Crown and Church. Prince casts carry more and more religious baggage, as last year's reference to an Irish nun vivicily demonstrated. The quaint ceremonies which symbolise Charles's own behaviour has her position as head of the done little to ward this off. He has shown considerable ambiv Church such as the State Openalence about Christianity. With ing of Synod have an authentic-ity which it is hard to see her his affection for Laurens Van son achieving. Removing the monarch as head of the Church would be a der Post-style mysticusm and love of nature, he has clearly

shown he has reservations about the exclusive claims of relatively straightforward matter requiring only an act of synod, assured a senior Church Christianity - like the major-With the extraordinary sens figure this week. But it would be an earthquake in the

of timing for which Princess Di-ana has become famous, she psychology of the Church, as was illustrated in a lengthy article in this week's Church announced her agreement to a divorce on the day that her hus-band visited the Hindu temple Times. It argued that the moral in Neasden, north London, In fitness of the Supreme Governor for his job has not been the front page photographs, relevant in the past; occupants have included two Lutherans Prince Charles was wearing garlands and a dot on his forenead. It was a vivid reminder of (George I and II), a Roman Cath the speech he had made only a olic (James II), a divorcee few weeks earlier which was (Henry VIII), and a practising widely interpreted (not entirely homosexual (James I). accurately) as a call for more

But a secular culture has ex-

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Charles's prestige, there are acting standards of how institutions should reflect their ideals and puts the Church under consome clear advantages. The Prince would be freed up to be a tinual pressure to match up to what it preaches. It is ludicrous more neutral arbiter in a multi-faith Britain. As Islam's followto suggest that a monarch in the 20th century can do something ers grow to more than a millionstrong in this country and the Hindu community expands, because his 15th-century foresuch a role could be vital; an Without underestimating the extension of the monarchy's traditional importance in bindormous upheaval of removing the Crown as the head of the Church and the blow to Prince ing the nationalities of the United Kingdom.

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on bishops' pay was a fascinat-ing example of how the pres-Editor

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> Madeleine Bunting is the Guardian's Religious Affairs





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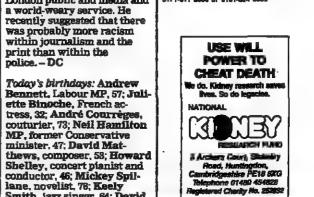
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erately misleading consumers into paying too much for their tickets. But the surcharge added by agencies and box offices can be avoided, or at least minimised, by shop ping around.

Fans of Lou Reed who want to see him at Wembley Arena in May can buy their tickets at the venue for their face value of £20. Ticket agent Ticket-master charges a £3 booking fee per ticket on top of the ticket price. Stargreen, another large agency, is charg-ing a £3.50 booking fee and HMV, whose ticket sales are handled by Ticketmaster, is

also charging £3. First Call was the most straightforward about its prices, because its sales staff quoted the face value separately from the booking fee The worst offender was Ticketron, which said that tickets cost £25. A saleswoman claimed that £40 would buy a seat five rows from the stage. She explained that the company had paid more for its tickets because the concert was sold out.

But Wembley Arena box office confirmed that "there were plenty of good seats still available".

Ticketron is described by trade officials and fixed-price encies as an "indoor tout". Its staff says the agency charges a fixed £5 fee on each ticket sold to it by the venue. However, both the concert promoters and Wembley Are-na's box office said the most expensive tickets for the Lon-don show would be £20 and not, as stated by Ticketron, £35

before the £5 booking fee. Ticketron bills itself as "specialists in sold-out events", possibly because its own tickets are the last to be

sold because of the extortionate prices. Lou Reed's tour promoters, MCP, were shocked at Ticke-

tron's tactics and a spokesman said "we wouldn't dream of dealing with people like that". David Marshall, a spoke-

man for the Department of Trade and Industry, said Tick-etron's sales pitch was in breach of the Trade Descriptions Act 1968.

It has been a legal requirement since February 1995 for the seller to disclose the face value shown on a ticket. Touts such as Ticketron can be pros-

finds all is calm

as handover nears

HE optimism of the investment commu-nity in Hong Kong can seem myopic, as though if enough people say often enough that everything will be all right, then it will be. But from a stock market point of view, this is not as crazy as it might seem.

Stock markets generally look ahead, with prices taking into account expectations about future political and eco-nomic circumstances, including next year's handover to China. As Schröders' director David Lui said: "It is not an issue that has come as a surprise. We have known it was going to happen for long

enough The volatility which an un-certain future brings to the socalled tiger economies was il-lustrated this week when Hong Kong's main stock mar-ket index, the Hang Seng, slid 260 points — or 2.3 per cent before recovering somewhat yesterday. Politics is to blame Worries about Chinese sabre rattling over Taiwan over-

ame a well-received Hong Kong budget, which might normally have been expected to pull up Asian markets. But, considering the danger

of the Chinese missile-testing in the Taiwan Straits escalating into a major international row, the stock market falls around Asia were relatively modest. Taiwan's Taipei stock market naturally suffered the most. It fell 62 points on Tuesday, when the missile tests were announced, and a fur-

ther 67 points on Wednesday, making a drop of 2.6 per cent over the two days. However, yesterday the market had already started to ecover. Markets beyond what has become known as "greater China" shrugged off the whole affair, perhaps even penafiting to some extent from money switching from Taiwan and Hong Kong. On Tuesday stocks rose in Singa-pore and Seoul, while there dex has seen three huge peaks over the past 15 years, in has been little movement in Bangkok 1980/61, 1986/87 and 1993/94 Mr Lui's analysis suggests a The lack of panic illustrates

consistent pattern: over-en-thusiasm in the early stage of the prevailing view here that politics are less important



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HSBC Hong Kong Growth	368.75	HSBC Hong Kong Growth	730.25	Gartmore Emerg Pacific	306.12
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Chinese next summer w smoothly, with Hong Ko gaining more from bein closer to China than it n lose. Some foreign investor still likely to be nervous that could add to short-t volatility, which is alread high by the standards of high by the standards. T South-east Asian markets.	ong g night rs are a and erm ady f Euro- he t in-	levels followed by a plui and then in the second i the cycle more sober gro before turning down ag Volatility is associate the rapid development, greater potential for sho in the economics of the In some of the region's r kets it is also a function their small scale. The to value of companies on t	naif of owth ain. ad with and ocks, region. nar- of tal he	can therefore move main more than they would it West. But Cypthia Liu, dire investment services at Kong's biggest fund ma Jardine Fleming, point that the risk-return ma has worked. "The risk- justed return has been i than in OECD countries said. Despite all the sca	n the ector of Hong nager, ed out trix ad- higber s, " she res in

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said. Despite all the scares in Hong Kong over the past 10 years, the average annual return on equities has been 19 per cent. That compares with a global 13 per cent. Such figures emphasise the

term, stock markets reflect national economic perfor-mance. On that basis, there is cause for continued optimism because the economies of the region are likely to continue growing at a faster rate than OECD countries, driven increasingly by China, the pow-erhouse of the region. China is reporting growth hovering around double figures. And with global interest rates falling this year, fuelling rates failing this year, fueling economic growth, most mar-kets have already risen quite sharply — the Hang Seng added 15 per cent in the first couple of months. There are differences from country to country, and all an

country to country, and all analysis have their own favour-ites. Mr Lui is particularly keen on Malaysia. Many investors have preferred Indo-nesia and Thailand, but he believes that underestimates the long term thinking of the Ma-laysian government, compared with attempts in the other two countries to shortcircuit development with great leaps forward, which hand-over of Hong Kong to the | markets up to unsustainable | decisions by large institutions | view, and that, over the long | ket shocks.

eastern promise

NIT and investments trusts are the easiest eans for investors to gain exposure to the Far Eastern investment markets, which have produced some top-performing funds, writes Teresa Hunter. Investors can chose between 75 Far Eastern unit trusts excluding Japan and

38 including Japan. Alter-natively, they have a choice of 15 Far Eastern investment trusts excluding Japan, seven including

Japan, and 13 singlecountry trusts. Over five years, top of the Far Eastern funds including Japan is Govett Pacific Strategy, which is taking part in the Guardian Invest-ment Challenge. Second, third and fourth are funds run by Perpetual, Abtrust and Schroder. These fund managers are all participat ing in the Challenge and raising substantial funds for children's charity Bar-

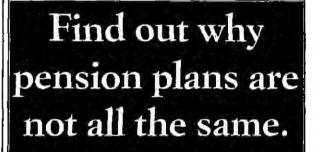
nardo's. However, the funds ex-cluding Japan have pro-duced significantly better returns over five years than those including Japan reflecting the down-turn in

that country's economy. An investment of £100 bas grown to an average £290.34 — compared with £202.60 for those including Japan in the porfolio — and the contrast is even more marked over 10 years. Gartmore's Hong Kong turned a £100 investment

into £400.81 over five years and is also fourth of all 1.075 unit trusts over the same period.

On the investment trust front, TR Far East Income Warrants is top of all investment trusts over five ears and second over two. However this is a more specialised fund than a general Far Eastern fund. Fleming and Foreign & Colonial, also Guardian In-vestment Challenge participants, have winning Far Eastern investment trusts in the top five of their sector.

Finally, a note of caution. Far Eastern funds can be volatile and are therefore not suitable as a first equity investment. However, every well-spread portfolio should include an element of exposure to the tiger economies.



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The first case to be brought to court under the new act, against agents Covent Garden Tickets Limited, was heard yesterday. Director Stuart Co-hen pleaded guilty to the charges of mis-describing seats and not disclosing the face value of tickets. Mr Cohen was fined \$100 on each of the eight charges against him and ordered to

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Pay-out bonanza for takeover society members **Cliff Jones** ATIONAL & Provincial Building Society's vot-ing members will receive at least 2500 when it

in cash or Abbey shares plus an additional cash bonus equal to 7 per cent of their alance. is taken over by Abbey National in August, accord-ing to the transfer document The percentage is worked out on the lower of the two

halances on either April 28. 1995, or the so-called "vesting date" of August 4, 1996. Savers are advised to top up their balance to maximise their pay-out if the balance has dropped since last April. Savers who joined later, but before the cut-off date of April 28 last year, will get Abbey shares worth £500. Non-voting members, inciuding those with less than £100 in their accounts, will

get a cash bonus worth 9 per cent of their balance at the end of last year. **Borrowers receive Abbey**

published this week. Savers who have held their accounts

since December 31, 1993, will be entitled to either £750

| Shares worth £500. And N&P | borrowers with loans of between £59,999 and £99,999 will see their mortgage inter est rate drop to the new Abbey rate of 7.24 per cent, while borrowers of £100,000 or more will see their rate drop to 7.19 per cent if the

takeover goes ahead. However, only 29,000 of N&P's 400,000 borrowers will benefit from a new rate because the smaller Abbey loans will have the same variable rate as the N&P. Fixed-rate deals stay the Members will receive

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their voting packs next week and these must be returned before April 6. People can vote in person at a special general meeting to be held in Manchester on April 11.

Half of all savers must vote April 28, 1995. In the case of joint accounts, the surviving for the merger to be apsecond-named holder will be | package. proved and three-quarters of

entitled to a windfall, which will be calculated in the those must vote in favour. A majority of borrowers must also vote in favour before the N&P's business can be trans ferred. N&P Chairman Lord Shuttleworth says the soci-ety's board is "unanimously recommending the proposed transfer Given the voting results in previous takeovers and conversions, the board is unlikely to encounter any serious opposition from the society's members. In May last year, Leeds and Halfax members voted in favour of a merger and cash pay-outs by an overwhelming 19 to 1. N&P will give Abbey shares worth £500 to the estate of savers who died before the vesting date, pro-vided they beld more than £100 in a share account on

ame way as a sole account. All 423,000 N&P Visa customers will maintain a freefor-life credit card - although they will be switched to Abbey National's new Visa card which normally charges a £9.50 annual fee. And the interest rate will drop from a 21.4 annual percentage rate to 19.9 APR when their cards are replaced. Alliance & Leicester says

it will produce its conversion document in October, a month before members vote on whether the society should become a bank. The society has so far refused to indicate who will benefit from any windfalls, beyond excluding all Girobank savers. Nor has it revealed the structure of the pay-out

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All bets are on in

unusual takeover

Inflation jitters over fall in America's jobless sends markets sliding and overshadows Clarke's cut in UK rates | Hong Kong Notebook

US fears see shares crash

Mark Tran in New York and Paul Murphy

HE world's finan-cial markets shuddered yesterday after an unexpec edly sharp fall in US unemployment figures, sent Wall Street crashing. Dealers saw the statistics denting hopes of a further US rate cut with a knock-on effect on global borrowing costs. The figures — described as "freakish" by some market strategists - completely overshadowed the move by the Chancellor, Kenneth Clarke, to cut British interest rates for the third time in four months,

0.25 per cent to 6 per cent vesterdav. But with analysts in the City already expecting a fur-ther relaxation of monetary policy here, the focus switched to New York, where the Dow

Jones index of top US companies plunged more than 160 in afternoon trading. Britain's FTSE 100 index slumped 75 points before clos-ing 47.9 points lower at 3710.3. The bearish mood was reflected across Europe, with the CAC-40 index in Paris losing 32's points to 1975, while in Germany the DAX indicator shed 12 points to 2469. The turmoil began in the US bond market, where dealers

Lloyd's £2.8bn lifeboat

slicing base rates by another

reported "near-panic" as the 30-year-treasury bond lost almost three points, sending the yield on this financial benchmark up to 6.7 per cent. A cor-responding sell-off in the equity market was checked by curbs to computerised trading systems — which were intro-

an aberration, a consensus

The jobless figures implied the creation of 700,000 jobs over the past four weeks - the luced in the wake of the 1987 biggest monthly increase stock market crash. But the carnage resumed later in the since 1983. The Bureau of Labour Sta day, with the Dow falling betistics said that much of Feblow the psychologically imruary's strength represented a rebound after severe portant 5500 barrier by midweather in January, when While some US analysts blizzards hit the eastern suggested the February job seaboard. less numbers — showing a

quickly developed that the

Federal Reserve, America's

central bank, will now leave

interest rates unchanged

when its policy committee meets again on March 26.

The largest increases came in the services industry, a gain of 287,000 jobs. But even month-on-month fall from 5.8 per cent to 5.5 per cent - were nufacturing, buffeted by

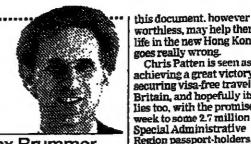
big layoffs for most of 1995 as factories cut back production in the face of excess inventorles, saw 26,000 new jobs in February. "It is not possible for the

Fed to cut in face of such uncertainty", said Arnold Moskowitz, a stock market strategi

The Fed last trimmed interest rates a month ago, when the federal funds rate, which banks charge each other for overnight loans, was shaved from 5.35 per cent from 5 per

In the City, analysts were suggesting that while Mr Clarke may have room for one more quarter-point cut later in the year, borrowing costs

may begin to rise quite quickly thereafter. But most share strategist believe that while the British stock market has its own uncertainties to address - such as a looming election and a to be relatively well-insulated from any short-term correc-tion in the US. "We have been watching the Dow jump around 100 points at a time for some while now. Since shares here have not performed as spectacularly as they have in New York, the downside should be limited, too," one senior dealer suggested. "We have not seen people scrambling to sell - yet.



Alex Brummer

UST how speedily the clock is ticking towards the mainland Chinese takeover of Hong Kong, Brit-ain's most capitalist economy, has been evident over the past week. First, there was the Prime Minister. John Major, seeking to claim the moral high ground for Britain's withdrawal, with a series of gestures aimed at appeasing the colonial power's demo-cratic critics in the territory Second, there was the sym bolism of the first Chinese Hong Kong financial secre tary delivering, in English and Cantonese, the last fullyear budget under British stewardship and carefully drawing attention to the co sultations with Beijing which had accompanied its prepara-tion. Third, there was Britain's final governor, Chris Patten, beginning to take on "lame duck" status as the public focus shifts towards the Chinese selection of a succes sor who will take on the title of chief executive.

All of this has been taking place against a backdrop of the People's Republic intimidating its neighbour in Taiwan with missile trials and being accused by the US of having, perhaps, the worst human rights record in the world. In fact, it is the unpredictable na ture of the Chinese regime which gives such cause for pause in what, for now, is proving a relatively calm

changeover. If Hong Kong was simply an other British territory heading for independence, one could be very sanguine about its prospects. It has a remark-able economic record; a sophisticated workforce; a robustly entrepreneurial culture; mature financial markets and banking system; a growing understanding of how representative govern-ment works and a highlytrained executive, now fully Chinese, which understands the importance of integrity and the rule of law.

But this is no ordinary transition. The rule of law as embodied in the Joint Declaration and Basic Law, the two great Sino-British documents which will constitute Hong Kong's constitu-tion, are under threat. Legco, Hong Kong's now democrati-cally elected parliament, is threatened with abolition. The Bill of Rights, which is designed to protect basic human rights in Hong Kong, is threatened with emasculation by one of the Beijing groups preparing for Chinese control Democrats like Martin Lee, whose party holds almost half the seats in Legco, fear not just for the destruction of human rights, but for the knock on the door from agent of the People's Liberation Army (PLA) when their protests become too much. The of the governor's executive council, but whose public governor complained to me of an insidious self-censorship which has begun to erode what remains the most vibrant and free press among the Asian tigers. Hong Kong's insecurity is so great that every day at the Immigration Tower large And the passing of the West-minster link may well be mourned when Beijing bequeues of people form to ac-quire a second class British passport, the validity of which will be nil from June 30, 1997. comes the court of final Somehow, it is believed that appeal

worthless, may help them if life in the new Hong Kong goes really wrong. Chris Patten is seen as achieving a great victory in securing visa-free travel to Britain, and hopefully its allies too, with the promise this week to some 2.7 million Special Administrative Region passport-holders. It was certainly remarkable that the Home Office under Michael Howard, which has staunchly opposed such a move, gave in to pressure from the Prime Minister. In reality - and in situations when it would count most — visa-free rights on SAR passports would be worthless. For example, if PLA tanks rolled on to the streets of Hong Kong to put down a demonstration mark ing Tiananmen Square, the Home Office would withdraw visa-free access to prevent a flood of political asylum applications. That is why Chris Patten

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was morally correct in sugwas morally correct in sug-pasting the case for full Brit-ish passports when he was in the UK last year. It would both underpin the personal secu-rity of Hong Kong's citizens and also give the UK a better diplomatic/economic lever by which it could ensure that the Joint Declaration and Basic Law do not become just so much history. That, of course, is pie in the sky.

NDEED, it is Britain's neglect over a long period which has led to only grudging praise of John Major's promise to protect a demo-cratically-elected Legco with every means available. After the Union Jack comes down, Britain will not be helpless here. Francis Cornish, tipped to be the first Consular-General, is one of Britain's most accomplished diplomats and it will be his responsibility to monitor adherence to the twin ruling statutes of Hong Kong. He takes the view that the Chinese will try initially to make things work. Beijing wants Hong Kong's commercial sys-tem and expertise to help its economy become more efficient.

Slowly but surely, however, the apparatus of the Chinese state could begin to interfere in Hong Kong's commerce and thus undermine confidence. Significant mainland inter-ests will be quickly demanding a share of the action, which has given Hong Kong such a disproportionate num-ber of Rolls-Royce cars. The erosion of freedom of

the press will diminish the quality of open financial mar-kets, which demand full dis-

closure. And the indirect pres

expected to bring to bear on its

critics and those who refuse to

co-operate in its ways could

Compromises will almost

certainly have to be made and

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Moreover, no one in Hong

Kong is seriously looking to a

new chief executive to provide

a buffer against the power of

Beijing. All the current indi-

cations are that Chris Patten's

successor will be shipping magnate C H Tung, a member

views are entirely obscure.

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billion lifeboat for lossstricken investors was last night condemned as doomed to fail by Names, although they have yet to see their individual bills for the insurance market's astronomic losses Lloyd's yesterday an-

Sarah Whitebloom

nounced that its 34,000 Names will receive "indicative" fi-nality statements on Monday which will give them an idea of how much they will individ ually have to pay towards the market's £8 billion losses. Lloyd's claimed yesterday: "No member will be unable to accept the offer because of lack of funds."

But Names' representatives argued last night that the offer is unrealistically low and will still leave thousands of Name

financially ruined. Christopher Stockwell, chairman of Lloyd's Names Association, said that all the action groups — which are

White Hart falls

to Regal hunt

the offer is likely to be scuppered in any event because of US legal problems. Lloyd's, meanwhile, in-sisted that it is confident of success in the US and said there is no likelihood of an

> added to the lifeboat. There is the possibility of more modest contributions from market auditors and brokers. Under the terms of Lloyd's plan, most Names will not be asked for more money than

they have deposited at Lloyd's and there is a cap of £100,000 on losses in excess of such funds. But many Names' funds are backed by guarantees on their own houses. Mr Stockwell said: "A lot of people will be wiped out by

The 13,000 Names who face bills over and above their funds at Lloyd's will be able to apply for help under the terms of the offer. Lloyd's — which plans to make thorough

checks into such hardship claims — warned yesterday that Names should apply by the end of April for such as tance since there is only a lim-

afternoon.

additional £1.7 billion being

ited amount of money avail-But action groups are advising members not to give Lloyd's any information about their personal financial position since this could assist in possible future legal action for recovery of losses, should the settlement fail.

Despite the protests, Lloyd's believes that most Names will be able to pay their bills in full this July. But, in an effort to encourage Names to accept easy terms are being offered to pread payments over five years and Lloyd's is attempting to set up a special mort-

gage plan. Lloyd's was at pains to emphasise yesterday that the in-dicative bills individuals receive could well change for a

variety of reasons. Some 95 per cent of bills are not ex-pected to rise or fall by more than £15,000.

No run out for Thomas the Tank Engine as Reed abandons



lan King

CL, the British-based com-puter group owned by Ja-pan's Fujitsu, announced

yesterday a shake-up of its businesses which could cost

up to 1,000 jobs this year. The move comes after ICL

said it had run up pre-tax losses of £166.1 million in 1995,

against profits of £46.7 million

The losses were due mainly

to a one-off hit of £152 million,

which covers the cost of last year's 1,300 redundancies and

closing offices in London, Manchester and Berkshire.

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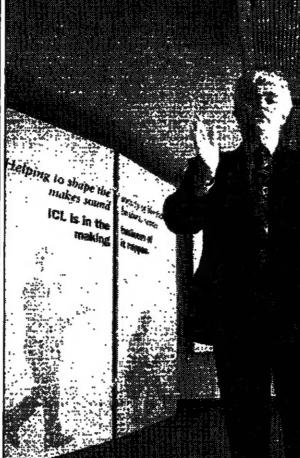
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i sale of a with January's £3.9 billion takeover of Forte, agreeing to sell 60 White Hart hotels to Regal, the fast-expanding provincial hotelier.

RANADA yesterday

clinched the first major

lan King

Regal first agreed to buy White Hart from Forte last year, as part of the company's defence against Granada, and it is understood that the deal with Granada is for the same sum of £122 million. However, under the terms

of vesterday's agreement. Gra nada will keep seven White Hart hotels for itself, while the hotels will change hands for cash only instead of the cashand-paper mixture Forte accepted

Despite the fact that Granada had secured better terms from him than Forte, Regal's chief executive. Charles Vere Nicholl, said the deal was "outstanding". It will more than double his company's Mr Vere Nicholl, who also

announced a leap in full-year pre-tax profits from £733,000 to 2.9 million, added: "This has been an extremely robust set

SFO warning as seven men convicted of £5m swindle

Dan Atkinson

SEVEN men have been con-victed of a £5 million "long-firm" fraud whose victims included companies in Germany and Holland. The Serious Fraud Office warned that others planning this type of swindle — in which a company builds up a solid credit record then decamps with goods or money - should "take note" that five of the convicted have been jailed. Nationwide Supplies, trading for just six months and based in Birmingham, was not "a genuine and honest business", according to Crown QC Jeremy Roberts. Its controllers, he said. were running it with a view to obtaining as many goods as they could on credit, getting rid of the goods for whatever they could get for them and then disappearing, leaving

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its interest in buying the French hotel chain Meridien from Granada, along with some of the old Forte Exclusive hotels. In an interview with the French newspaper Les Echos, the chairman, Bill Marriott,

of negotiations, but I am de-

lighted that we have been able

to complete this acquisition." Meanwhile, Marriott Inter-

national reiterated yesterday

said the company was still waiting for Granada to specify its intentions on the hotels. and that everything would ultimately depend on Granada's

asking price. Sir Rocco Forte is also still in the process of putting together a consortium to buy back the Meridien and Exclusive hotels.

Also yesterday, CDL Hotels, the aggressively expanding Hong Kong-based hotels group, confirmed plans to float its Millenium & Copthorne hotels chain on the stock mar-

ket early next month. Under the flotation, which will value Millenium & Copthorne at around £350 million, CDL will retain a majority stake. The chain, which ma a pre-tax profit of £34.6 million last year has some 22 business hotels

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HOMAS the Tank Engine, Winnie the Pooh, even Babar the Elephant have been left on the shelf. **Reed-Elsevier**, the Anglo-

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Dutch publishing group, announced yesterday that it had abandoned attempts, at least for the time being, to sell off its consumer publishing business, Reed Consumer Books, because i could not get the price it

wanted. Discussions aimed at finding a buyer for its 50 per cent stake in BCA (Book Club Associates) have

also been discontinued. The consumer books business, which includes

the Hamlyn and Heinemann imprints and has authors such as Roddy Doyle and Susan Hill alongside its strong line-up of children's titles, was put up for sale last summer.

Reed-Elsevier said it broke off talks because it "values the business higher than the offers received from a number of intereste parties who were influenced by the poor trading conditions in consumer book warkets in

1995". The Anglo-Dutch group refused to disclose the sort of prices that it had been hoping to achieve for the consumer books busines Initial estimates suggested a price tag of around £250 million, subsequently scaled back sbarply. The book industry was hit by a series of problems last

year, not least the end of the net book agreement which led to a spate of discounting. The rise in the

price of paper also hit profitability.

Yesterday Reed-Elsevier said that it would make "renewed efforts" to return the consumer books business "towards former evels of productivity".

"Although the sale process has inevitably been major distraction for management, significant progress has been made

during the year to refocus the publishing programmes and streamline the organisation, and this process will continue." **Reed-Elsevier said it** remains the intention of the directors to sell the business in due course".

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Watershed ahead ICL chief Keith Todd is eveing Internet PHOTOGRAPH: GRAHAM TURNER

Cost of cutting jobs means 1,000 more could go at ICL

the five-point programme

issue underwritten by Fu-jitsu, an 80 per cent share-

balance sheet. Mr Todd, who said ICL's other shareholder, Norther Telecom, was also likely to

the company to the market sooner rather than later."

The scheme includes the

in America and the Far East,

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from easy" but insisted that contract electronics manufac-

turing business, D2D. Also being spun off is ICL's would mark a "watershed" in the company's fortunes. The plan is being partvolume products division, which is to link with existing funded by a £200 million rights Fujitsu activities, creating a new worldwide personal com-puter business. Mr Todd said he was aiming to elevate ICL, which with Fujitsu is the ninth biggest PC supplier in Europe, to third biggest player in each of its markets. holder, which will also help to strengthen ICL's debt-laden

"This is a radical action plan which puts us on track for an accelerated growth in earnings," he added. Mr Todd said one of the

take up its rights, said the changes would bring the com-pany closer to a flotation. "Clearly the proposition en-hances the chance of bringing most exciting opportunities was the growing market in products related to the Internet, and the company was eyeing several new develop-ments. Fujitsu has stated its services business, the forging of stronger links with Fujitsu intention to get as much as a third of its sales from Internet-related products by 1998.

Halifax drops Warburg from conversion team

Tony May at about £10 billion. An industry source said ALIFAX Building Society there had been three or four has dropped SBC Warburg from the team advising on its agement team at Warburg in recent months and, at times, conversion to a bank and stock market flotation next Halifax had not been certain The Halifax said the decision arose out of managemen regret that Warburg's old of the relationship and followed a potential conflict of long-term relationship with interest. The move is seen as denting the prestige of SG Warburg neurial. renamed after it was taken over by Swiss Bank Corporasche Morgan Grenfell as its tion last summer — as well as losing the investment bank a multi-million fee from a flotation which, were it happening

today, would value the Halifax | role of lead broker during the appoint as joint broker. changes at the top of the manwho was heading their team. There was also said to be praise, and said Warburg will style - which sought a stable, clients — was being replaced. by something more entrepre-Halifax has appointed Deutversion and flotation. corporate finance adviser and says the changes will not delay

conversion and flotation, and Halifax is considering who to Halifax stressed that the split had nothing to do with the technical side of the operation for which there was

continue to be employed on projects not connected with the conversion and flotation. Warburg has been working with Halifax since early 1994, firstly on the merger with the Leeds and then with the con-

A Warburg spokesman said the group was "disappointed by this, but we wish Halifar the conversion timetable. Merrill Lynch will assume the flotation."

Chris Barrie

UP TO 13,000 jobs will be safeguarded by a £2.6 bill-ion investment planned by Ford for its UK car plants and ment centres.

The investment, much of it earmarked for the Halewood plant on Merseyside and the Dagenham factory in Essex, emerged yesterday in the wake of General Motors' announcement earlier this week that it may invest \$1 billion in its Vauxhall car plants at Luton in Bedfordshire and Ellesmere Port in Cheshire. Ford's investment is part of the company's strategic plan to upgrade its British factories and launch "world" cars and engines between 1995 and the year 2000. Ford said yesterday that some projects had yet to be ratified by directors in Surope and at the US parent.

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was under consideration.

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But the news has reassured the 5.000 workers at Halewood about Ford's intention to keep due to flat domestic demand. The site, which also makes gearboxes, is making 800 cars a day. Dagenham is running close

to full capacity at 1,100 cars a day, some of them for Mazda. The site employs 8,000 people

News of Ford's investment emerges as the company steps up its effort towards greater global integration. The replacement for the Escort replace the Escort in the next will be designed for world three years. The associated markets, and Ford plants will manufacturing investment have to compete on productivity for the right to build it. • AC Cars, Surrey-based Dagenham is in line for investment to make variants of maker of Cobra and Ace sports the Fiesta model which went cars, has gone into receiverinto production only recently. ship.

Ford's £2.6bn investment safeguards 13,000 jobs The neighbouring engine

plant will also be upgraded to make more variations. Ford said that £1 billion of

investment under its six-year plan had already been an-nounced for engines at Bridg-end, south Wales, and Dagen-

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ham. Some of the spend would also be earmarked for Jaguar.

the plant open. Since Christmas, the factory has been operating well below its full capacity of 1,100 cars a day

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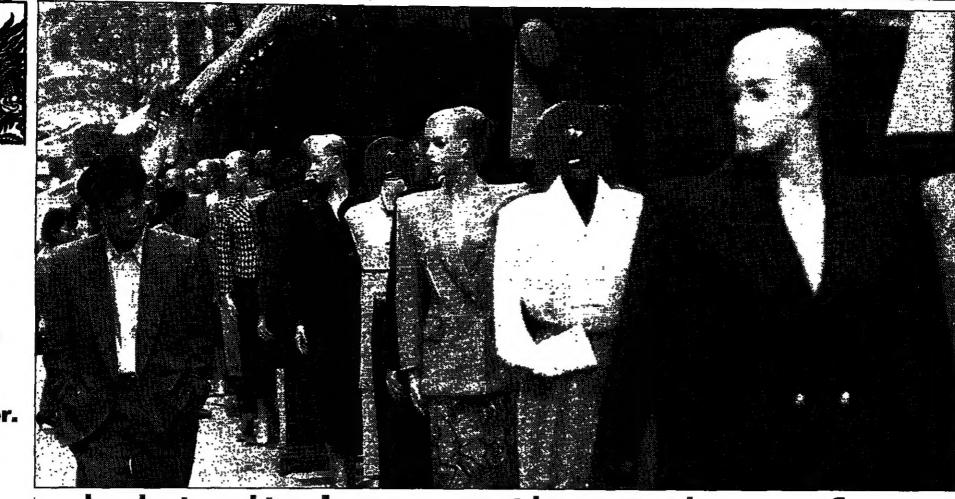
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Mainland boom zone fears its industrial revolution may be over. PATRICK DONOVAN reports



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New modes . . . shopping streets in Shenzhen reflect

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buying power as well as tastes of its relatively

affluent work force

One night city' pays the price of success

T IS just before 6am at Kowloon station and the queues are already build-ing up for the first trains to zhen. They may live in Hong Kong, but these hun-dreds of predominantly white collar commuters work in mainland China; a journey which takes less than an hour through the rolling hills of the New Territories to passport control at Lo Wan. More than 150,000 Hong

Kong nationals earn their living in the Shenzhen region, one of China's five special eco nomic zones set up to help in-dustrialise the country nearly 16 years ago. Because of the growth of

trade links between Hong Kong and the south of China, Shenzhen has, in effect, become the colony's cut-price manufacturing base for com-panies such as Citibank, Siemens and Hitachi, Lerus and Mercedes cars are parked around the fledgling stock ex-change. In an independent broker's office, "special investor" services are laid on for the well-heeled, complete with a private sitting room and per-sonal dealing terminal. As with any emerging econ-omy, Shenzhen has its share of poverty and corruption. Convicted fraudsters were among 16 people shot in a mass execution last month. The region's

relative wealth has brought a sharp rise in illegal immigra-tion. The population has risen from 30,000 to about 3.8 million over the past 10 years and residency is tightly controlled by police permit. able to concentrate on higher-

The losers in the Shenzhen economic experiment cluster around the Shangri-la hotel: groups of tiny barefooted chil-dren who lock on to westerners with pitlable appeals for spare change.

K SO, chairman of elec-tronics firm AV Con-But the wealth seems to be trickling down. According to China Daily, Shenzhen restcept, went to China early. Sixteen years ago, the Hong Kong businessman set up a plant in Guangdong region dents enjoy the country's highest average monthly salwhich now employs 500 ary, HK\$3,441 (2295) — nearly production staff and up to 50 per cent more than in 30 engineers, writes Stmon Beijing. The development of Shen-

"Most manufacturers zhen has played a fundamenhave moved because you tal role in the transformation of Hong Kong's economy. The have to be competitive," he says. "It doesn't matter if

colony used to employ more than 70 per cent of its workforce in manufacturing. But relocating these activities to China has allowed Hong Kong

entrepreneurs access to cheaper land and labour costs Mainland manual workers earn about £1 per day, around one-third of rates in Hong Kong. In the process, says Vic-tor Fung, who heads the Hong Kong Trade Development Council, the colony has been

margin service industries, particularly within the finan-cial sector. These now account colony.

for about 80 per cent of the col-ony's jobs, says Mr Fung. "We [in Hong Kong] are the driving force for the developnent of the Pearl river area [which includes Shenzhen]. As many as 50,000 Hong Kong owned companies straddle the region. So closely tied economically are Hong Kong and this part of South China that around 90 per cent of all ex-

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manufacturers transfer op-erations across the border,

chasing cheaper labour an space, and lured by tax

allowances and long leases

Mr.So expects to pay a -quarter of Hong Kong rates

Hong Kong has seen

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of Shenzhen's Foreign Invest-ment Office, says: "It is a sym-blotic relationship. After 1997, this relationship will remain and the hinterland will con-tinue to develop itself." He says that the Shenzhen has been nicknamed "one night

ager of the Shenzhen Stock Exchange, adds: "The return of Hong Kong is a very active factor for the development of

ing a victim of its own success As its labour and land prices rise. Hong Kong investors are moving into ever more remot rural areas in search of cheaper land and labour Warnings about the slowdown emerged last year when the mayor, Li Zibin, announced

Bank of China in Shenzhen regional arm of the country all-powerful central bank, plays this down, insisting

there is scope for "co-opera-tion". Steps are being taken, for example, to link financial

settlement systems in Shen-zhen and Hong Kong. Li Zhong Wei, the bank's deputy director in Shenzben, says the zone's future lies in becoming a provincial finan-cial centre for China. It has already had success in attractng western financial institutions to help service interna-tional joint-venture projects. Mr Li wants to expand the banking sector, however, by launching an initiative to open the region to smaller and medium-sized banks.

Shenzhen has already had ome success with its six-year old stock exchange. About 135 Chinese companies are listed. Hong Kong-based brokerages such as Crosby, Standard Chartered, Flemings and Nomura take it seriously enough to maintain representative offices

For all its expansion plans, Shenzhen seems destined to remain a manufacturing satellite to Hong Kong - even after unification.

ports from the Guangdong province pass through the As Li Zing Sen, the director

city" because of its spectacu-larly fast construction rate. Zhaung Xinyi, general man-

that the zone's industrial growth during the first four months of 1995 had, for the first time, slipped behind the Shenzhen." But Shenzhen risks becom-

national average. As its economy evolves, Shenzhen is attempting to develop its own financial base Does it plan to compete head on with Hong Kong over the longer term? The People's

> and agricultural families, most have quite low educa-tion and they don't have any knowledge of electron-ics manufacturing." Already in Shenzhen the

authorities are getting choosey about the incentives they offer manufactur-ers. Fifty-year lease agreenents are not on offer any more. "Manufacturing is being pushed further and forther north," says Mr So.

Manufacturers face long march north in eternal pursuit of cheap labour paying about a quarter of Hong Kong rates, but says these must be suppleyou are a small or a medium | for engineers and one-tenth for his mostly female man-

ual staff. For toymakers, 90 per cent of production has shifted to China. But Ed-mund Young, head of Perfekta, which employs 7,000 at two southern China sites says the main reason he and his competitors went north was because of labour hortages in the mid-1970s. He admits the benefits of

mented by the cost of providing dormitories and other welfare arrangenents. For Mr So, the problems are emerging. While the supply of labour is plenti-

ful, training needs to start from basics "About 90 per cent of the workers are from villages

years the prestigious

Pace slows in great shopping parade



was the first time since the 1970s that sales volumes had From street stall to glitzy mail, retailers complain they have got more than they bargained for. ROGER COWE reports

Shop Hop A Hollics seeking aversion therapy should come to Hong Kong. It is not the place for those who think there are too many department stores on Oxford Street or can think of no worse fate than spending a day at Gateshead's Metro Centre or one of Britain's other regional

shopping centres. In fact, Hong Kong is a kind of regional shopping centre for Asia, attracting tourists from several countries, including Korea, Taiwan and Japan.

Shopping is virtually the national sport, and there is certainly no shortage of opportunities to pursue it, whether in traditional street

markets or the glitziest malls. There are 24 main shopping centres on Hong Kong island, while the tourist trap of Kow-loon, across the waterway on the mainland, has almost been the mainland, has almost been taken over by the retail trade. Just one mall, the four-storey Pacific Place, under the Association, says last year

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plush Conrad hotal where John Major's party stayed last week, is almost as big as Not-tingham's Victoria Square devicement development. For visitors who have been bitten by the shopping bug, Nirvana is to stay in one of

1960s boom.

which stayed on the shelves. "It's been a double whanny for retailers. After being used to 8 to 10 per cent growth, we have seen a fall of about 1.5 per these mixed developments

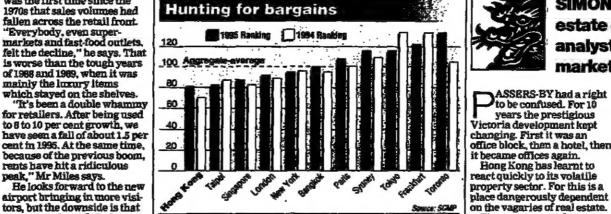
where the hotel sits on top of a shopping mall. Then they can shop till they drop without ever leaving the building. But while the shoppers are happy, the shopkeepers are not. Almost unthinkably, they are experiencing a similar situation to that faced by their British counterparts after the mean even more shopping

Too much space was built in the boom times, and more is being added even though cus-tomers have less to spend and feel less like spending it after falling property values and rising interest rates and

cent in 1995. At the same time, because of the previous boom, rents have hit a ridiculous peak," Mr Miles says. He looks forward to the new airport bringing in more visi-tors, but the downside is that space over the rail stations linking the airport with the centre has been sold to developers to help pay for the pro-ject. This will almost certainly total by 1998.

centres. Mr Miles sees a silver lining in the fact that rents have stailised and are now unlike to rise for a few years. But that is bad news for the developers, who are busy putting up new space which was planned be-fore the slump. By 1998 there will be one-third more space than there was 10 years previously. It is, therefore, not surpris-

look like a street market.



ing that vacant space is expected to rise just as fast - to more than 10 per cent of the There could be worse to

come, however, if it is true, as some believe, that Hong Kong is in danger of losing its status as Asia's Metro Centre. Costs here are so high compared with capitals such as Jakarta or Bangkok that some retailers are being scared away. And a new mall has just opened in Jakarta with enough top-quality names to make London's Bond Street is no shortage of names such as Armani, Christian Dior, Versace and Gucci, as well as

Source: SCMP The government, keen to promote a low-tax economy. Hong Kong has just held on to its title of the cheapest tour-ist shopping centre in the world, as the chart shows. But depends for huge amounts of revenue on land sales to developers. It helps, therefore, that it is the sole land owner and Taipei comes a close second, while New York is cheapest can keep prices high by orgafor electronic goods. For the time being there are nising monthly public auc-tions for most of the property. still plenty of shoppers on the streets, and retailers are still The fortune of nearly every Hong Kong tycoon, from Li Ka coming here, including Store Shing down, is founded on house, which this week an-nounced a franchising deal with Watson's, the local ver-sion of Superdrug. And there

property. Some 70 per cent of the asset values on the stock exchange are tied up in prop-erty, with 60 per cent of quoted companies having sig-nificant property interests. The banks are up to their eyes the home-grown Joyce chain developed by department store heiress Joyce Ma. But the glamour of their shops is not matched by the in the property market, beavily committed to lending to developers and to other companies against the secu-rity of property. But Hong Kong has learnt the perils of the market too. A

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Perils of unstable property

SIMON BEAVIS on the real estate crash some analysts say may depress market for a decade

speculative bubble which saw prices double in the three years to mid-1994 led to a dra matic crash and an associated stock market fall. Prices and rents are now down by up to 30 per cent and hungry devel opers are being warned by forecasters that it could be 10 years before they claw their way back to the peak. Behind the most recent crisis was speculation on so-called strata-title commercial properties. Here, develop-ments were sold by the floor or even the room, allowing individual small investors to take a punt on property Speculators were able to sell their interests up to 18 months

before completion on no more than a 10 per cent downpayment. Some blocks changed hands eight times before reaching the final buyer. Prices spiralled up from an average of HK\$45,467 (£3.800) er square metre in 1991 to HK\$104,596 in 1994 and rents shot up by 25 per cent. Great

for speculators, but so alarm-ing for forsign companies that some moved to other centres. In June 1994 the govern-ment acted. It forbad forward selling until six months before completion, and then based only on 100 per cent down pay-ments. The property market crashed, taking the over-heated stock market with it.

The boom left massive over supply. Vacancy rates are forecast to peak at a 14-year high in 1997 and there is a growing recognition that there are potentially serious instabilities in the market which could damage Hong Kong's economy at a time when prosperity is its best hope of continuity in uncer tain times.

Nicholas Brooke of chartered surveyors Brooke Hillier Parker, said: "If we were to face a collapse like Tokyo's, banks would be vulnerable and so would property compa-nies, many of whom bought at the peak."

The optimists like to believe that next summer a wave of Chinese companies will flood in and soak up the excess. The more cautious see little reason to believe Chinese businesses will be any more prepared to pay through the nose than anyone else.

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St Michael takes wing at last, but oven-ready meals are ditched ringing of their tills, and it is not likely to be for some time. ing after an early struggle to achieve sufficient vol-umes. Its sales here are now

among the highest in the group, with a profit margin of 18 per cent. Paul Smith, regional director, said this had been achieved despite rents

Smith said all the stores were smaller than he would like: at no more than 20,000 square feet they are around a quarter of a typical city centre UK store. He is looking for a site of 40,000 square feet or even more, but it is not easy to find at the right price.

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which he said were the high est in the world. In the last full-year results, M&S Hong Kong (or Ma Za in the Chinese chi acters) reported profits of nearly £13 million on sales of £71 million, an increase in both figures of about a quarter. The group started with one store eight years ago and has a target of 14. Mr Q

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Horse racing and casinos will still be the twin passions in the territory after 1997.



PATRICK DONOVAN joins the punters at Hong Kong's **Happy Valley track while RICHARD THOMAS moves** among the gaming tables in offshore Macau

HAPPY VALLEY PHOTOGRAPH: DON MCPHEE

eral Guy Watkins, a former com-mander of Britain's ar tillery forces, makes a very odd bedfellow for Stanley Ho a 74-year-old entrepreneuu who is possibly the richest industrialist in the Pacific Rim. But they are the two most pow erful men in one of the world's biggest gambling industries.

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The dapper major general, the embodiment of clipped British military reserve, is chief executive of the Royal Hong Kong Jockey Club. Standing ram-rod straight on the lawn outside the member's enclosure at Sha Tin racecourse, he occupies a job described as rivalling the Governor's in both power and influence.

By contrast, Mr Ho is a 74-year-old plutocrat, a refugee from the Japanese invasion of Hong Kong who worked his way up to become the uncrowned "King of Macau". He owns the world's highest-rolling casino empire. Through his Shun Tak group of compa nies, he employs more than one in five people in the Portu-guese colony and wields the power of a latterday feudal overlord.

Astonishingly, Mr Ho claims to disapprove of gam-bling, confining himself to an annual came of roulette with the Governor of Macau, General Viera Rocha, at the start of the casino season. Gaming in both colonies

adds up to massive bucks. And the fight ahead for both the major general and Mr Ho is to ensure that China honours its promises to allow gaming to continue unhampered after Hong Kong and Macau revert

spectator receipts to off-course betting shops. With a history of racing dating back to 1846, the club is a non-profit making orgnisation, financed entirely by member subscriptions. Mr Ho is less forthcoming about his own finances. Commanding the power of a latter day feudal baron in his home town of Macau, he first built up the franchise in the early sixties. But Mr Ho, who has

the glassy stare of a man not to be trifled with, concedes that the tax receipts from his betting operations amount to half the Macau's administration's entire income. Others esti-mate the total gambling take to be in the region of \$500 million. As he watches Mr Vitality

storm home to win Sha Tin's Triple Crown, the major general sketches out a Western perspective of the attraction of Hong Kong gambling. Such is the importance of gaming income to the colony, he says, that it effectively underwrites the social security system. Pointing to the 40,000-strong

crowd, he argues that the money they have bet on the **Triple Crown is an indirect** income tax. Given that 1.5 million out of Hong Kong's popu-lation of 6.3 million regularly place bets, this helps provide around 1900 million --enough to fund the entire

annual budget of the colony's 37,500-strong police force. Together with annual chari-table donations worth further tens of millions of pounds, he insists that racing provides "the butter and jam" for the colony's basic social security

"This is not a welfare soci-ety so we provide the extra cover," he says.



In the capital of gambling, the risk is on the up

AXI drivers in Macau have a disconcerting habit: they insist passengers ride without seatbelts. Attempts to buckle up are met with a "Nau" and then by refusal to drive on unless you comply. Risking your life is appropriate in the gambling capi-tal of east Asia.

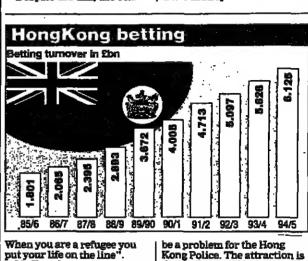
The challenge after sur-viving the taxi ride is to hold on to your life savings. It is possible, but only if a simple rule is followed: avoid up-escalators. At the Casino Lisboa, the biggest in Macau, there is a hierarchy: the higher you go, the more you lose. The poor and the sensible The poor and the sensitive head for the basement, where bundreds of slot ma-chines compete with the babble of Chinese voices. These are the people who pour off the ferry from Hong Kong as night falls. On the first floor, onearm bandits are replaced by baccarat and blackjack tables and the stakes go up. The minimum bet is HK\$200 (just under £20) but it is just as crowded. The western image of casinos is of a classy hush broken occasionally by the flip of a card. Here people of all types — young men, elderly couples, married women throw chips and cards and shout at the croupiers. Despite the din, the con-

centration is intense. All eyes are fixed on the cards. On each wall a light will indicate an incoming typhoon, but it is doubtful anyone would see it. One floor up, the risks rise again. In one side room, people are placing mini-mum bets of \$1,000 on Pai Kao. What looks like a game of dominoes turns out on closer inspection to be . . . a

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game of dominoes. A Westerner appears looking a bit glum. Nick Bryer is an Australian over from Hong Kong, where he is on a business trip. "Tve just lost \$2,750. If you worked for an Aussie news-paper I wouldn't even give you my name — my wife wouldn't be too delighted." Nick sensibly refuses to go up to the next floor. Here, Chinese tea is served to punters, who are smarter and fewer in number. Not surprising, given that the minimum stake in the Golden Palace room, where bets are placed in US dol-lars, is \$2.000 (£1.300). Chips worth \$10,000 and \$50,000 are stacked in front of the gamblers.

In the next room a wiz-ened old man bas a pile of chips worth about £30,000. He places a bet of £5,000, es, and shrugs. No won der people in Hong Kong work so hard — they lose all their money here.



Mr Tang has no patience that underworld bookmakers with the faint-hearted when it can offer better odds because

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to mainland control. Beijing may have promised "one country, two systems", but, as Mr Ho concedes, the People's Republic still regards any form of gaming as one of its six deadly sins.

For the people of Hong Kong and Macau, this is a passion very hard for the Western mind to understand. Hard fig-ures are hard to come by. But betting worth more than £7 billion a year is reckoned to be placed on the races at Hong Kong's two courses at Sha Tin and Happy Valley. More money is waged on the last race of the Hong Kong season than during the whole of Royal Ascot week in the UK. Horse racing is the only form of caming allowed in the colony and this is totally controlled by the Jockey Club's

monopoly on everything from

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The major general, whos contract is due to and next year, believes that the Jockey Chub is by far the colony's biggest giver. "Two years ago we gave HK\$100 million to rebuild a mental hospital, we

have given equipment to teaching hospitals and today made an urgently needed donation to the Prince of Wales burns hospital."

He insists that his punters are not gamblers in the sense that they are risking money on a game of chance. The major general clearly scrutinises his form with the same attentionhe gave to maps of Soviet gunnery positions at the height of the cold war. And the same is true of the vast

majority of his race-goers, he adds. "They do not regard putting money on horses as sambling

as such because they take such trouble to beat the odds. And, as the major general says, the majority of the tens **Major General Watkins** of thousands of office workers makes a convincing point. Sha Tin, with its lush lawns and are clearly not here for a social night out. Few of the mostly views over the rolling moun-tains of the New Territories, smartly-dressed punters are drinking. As we wait for the start of Wednesday's Stock Exmay be the venue for the show piece races. But the real buzz comes from the midweek fizchange Stakes, there is ilence, with most race-goers

tures at Happy Valley, an oval swathe of green, shoe-horned between the skyscrapers of hunched over one of Hong Kong's dozen daily racing pages. Tension mounts as the downtown Hong Kong Island. Get your bead at the right hordes gather round maangle, and for an unforgettable moment it looks like the chines allowing punters to buy tickets directly from their bank accounts. And this is

just at the racecourse. Tens of

thousands of other punters are also waiting — way up in the dozens of crowded highrise appartment blocks which sit precariously on the sides of Happy Valley. Meanwhile in restaurants, waiters and diners alike are

clustered around the television. It is as if the racehorses bring the entire colony to a halt. Stanley Ho puts it more suc-cinctly. "Gambling," he says, "is in the Chinese blood" — at

least here in Hong Kong and Macau. But Mr Ho, whose honours range from the Portuguese title of Commander of

the Order of Benefaction to patronage of the HK Girl Guide Assocation, insists that he actively discourages locals from gambling if they cannot afford 11. On occasions he has even intervened if he feels somebody has overstretched

their budget. Other prominent locals such as David Tang, the suave owner of the Shanghai Tang retail chain and close friend of the Princess of Wales and other members of the Royal Family, would go further. He says that the Chinese have a special affinity with gambling cause "we are all refugees,

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comes to the clink of dice on they are not paying govern-ment taxes. The most common green baize. With his hall-mark Cuban cigar in hand, Mr cases uncovered by the research unit of the Organised Tang declares that anybody griping over a small loss "is a cockroach". The proper defi-nition of a gambler is anybody Crime and Triad Bureau are high-stake games of mahjong But the force reckons that new games are springing up all the time. Recent cases have inwho "puts up more than they can afford". He says that when he gambled regularly, he used to use Feng Shui to decide how volved dominoes, Thai-style baccarat, and dog and cricket fighting.

to place his stakes. Mr Tang, who belies his English public school and uni-Punters are even finding ways of going to the races in mainland China. Race-goers versity eduction by wearing traditional Chinese clothing, pack the ambitiously-named Electronic Enjoyment Centre claims that he used to look out for nuns on the street because at the Sanya holiday resort at Hainan. They won't see any horses. All the money here is being put on a 10ft circular tank full of battery-powered they are regarded as lucky. That is the view from the upper echelons of Hong Kong society. For many, gambling will remain a passion whattoy boats. One feels the major general ever happens after 1997.

Illegal gaming continues to would not approve.

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